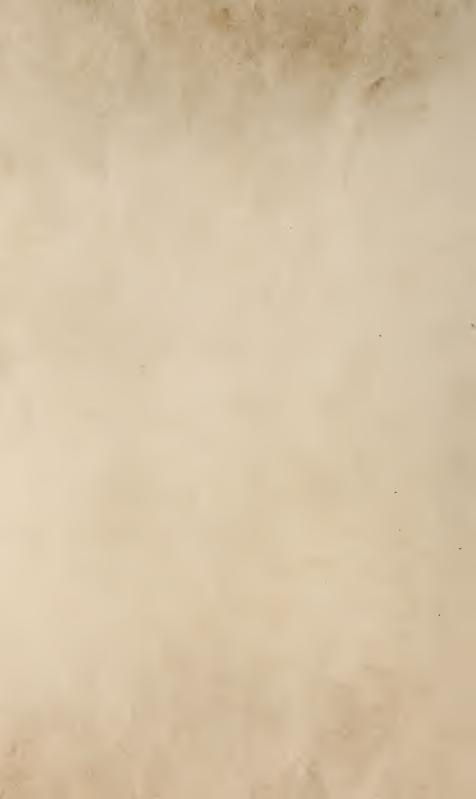


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#### BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

From reports of missionaries we learn that the Week of Prayer has been generally observed, and hopeful indications of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit are mentioned. There is much to encourage and comfort in the spiritual outlook of the whole field. The prayer of the Mission Churches is for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Many evidences are stated showing that the financial troubles of the times have not been without profit to the church. May God's people never forget that the spreading of the Gospel, and the salvation of souls, is the great end to be always kept in mind.

It is hoped that especial care will be given by all Missionaries to secure accuracy and fulness in their Quarterly and Annual Reports, so that the true condition of the work may be spread before the whole church in the Annual Report of the Board to the next General Assembly.

## DESCRIPTION OF A NEW FIELD—HOW THE MISSIONARY GOT THERE, AND HOW IT IS WORKED.

I have been steadily at work in my field at Suohomish City, ever since reaching it in last June. I left, for this place, my old home in Indiana the 23d of May last, and reached the Sound on June 13th. The little church here, in the face of very strong infidel opposition, has built, and has completed (except painting and a bell-tower,) a house of worship of fir and cedar timbers, Gothic style, 26x48 feet, with 12 foot walls. A very comfortable and pretty house. It has cost near \$2,000 so far, \$500 of which was received from our church Board; the remainder the people have raised themselves, many of them giving even beyond what they were really able to give. They have been making every effort to get their house clear of debt since I came, and now only owe \$190. They have up to the present been depending on the Sabbath morning collections for

the money to remunerate me for pastoral services and to meet their contingent expenses. The result has been that in the whole time they have only paid me (\$25) twenty-five dollars. The deacons are at present making an effort to raise such salary as they can, by subscriptions to be paid quarterly.

When I came to Suohomish City I found a small church membership, a very loose organization, and scarcely any knowledge in the church of Presbyterian doctrine or government.

I saw much to encourage me from the commencement, in the devoted Christian spirit manifested by the Elders and the majority of the members, and also in the frank friendliness of the people outside of the church, who were not open and avowed enemies of the cross. From the Atheneum (or Free Religious organization), I met at the outset, and for three or four months thereafter, the most violent opposition. But this I regarded as a very encouraging indication. In the face of this opposition our congregation has steadily grown in size, and in orderliness and attention during services. The people have heard the word gladly. Time and again have I heard, from reliable sources, of rough, profane and intemperate men, defending me, and contending for the truth of the doctrines I preach, in stores, shops, stations and logging camps.

On the 2nd of September we had the first additions to our church since my coming to it. A Scotchman and his wife, who had been religiously trained in youth and baptized in infancy, but who had never made profession, were that day received on examination, and offered their two infant children for baptism. There have been received, on examination, up to this date (including the two just mentioned) ten persons, by letter two; making the total of additions in the last three months twelve. have baptised three infants. I have preached five funeral sermons, although there has been no death in any family connected with our church. I have had to go as far as eight to twelve miles by trail, or in a canoe to the houses of mourning, and at all these places have found most attentive and solemn hearers. The gospel preached, as I tried to preach it, faithfully on these occasions, I have had evidence has brought some fruit. Only to-day, a man living six miles away, whose child's funeral I attended a month ago, came to see me and said that as soon as his wife's health would admit of the journey, they wished to come together, and, making public profession of their faith in Christ, unite with the church.

Urgent calls to come and preach the Gospel to them as often as possible have come to me from all the localities which I have visited as above The people fifteen miles up the river have sent after me to come and preach in their school-house; while from a settlement on the Sky-ko-mish river, a tributary of the Suo-ho-mish, another urgent call has come. The Lord is opening the door wide to us in this great rich valley. Our county has an area of 4,000 square miles, and a population of (now) not less that 1,200, and rapidly increasing. There is but one Christian church in the country, our church of Suohomish City. We hold the position which is the key to this valley, but the whole county is too large a field for one man. You can form no idea from description of the extreme difficulty experienced in getting from place to place here, excepting between points connected by steamboat navigation. The streams are snaggy and swift; very difficult to paddle a canoe in; the water, from the everlastingly snow-crowned Cascade range, is icy cold, and almost certain to drown the victim of an upsetting. The trails are traversable only on foot, and, while I could always in Indiana walk five or six miles in an hour, I

find it takes hard travelling to accomplish two miles an hour here. I have devoted most of my time to Suohomish City, feeling the importance of strong entrenchment here, but have made arrangements to preach at Lowell, six miles down the river, on Sabbath afternoons at least twice a month, and to preach on the Sky-ko-mish and up the main river at least once a month, on Wednesday or Thursday.

My wife and children came to me the last of October and I have the aid and comfort of their presence. My financial status was such that I had to borrow some money to get my family to me, and commence house-keeping. I am in urgent need of a speedy remittance. A general bank-ruptcy among the master loggers along our river has diminished the amount of outside help, and our people have had to struggle enough for the house mentioned above, to cripple them. They extended a regular call to me, which I accepted, and was installed Nov. 16th. They pledge me \$260, in the call, for the year ending June 1st 1878, and I think will be able to pay it. I enclose a statement of account, on a separate sheet.

Remember us at the Father's throne. Yours in Christ. T. W. McC.

#### MISSION SCHOOLS.

The following is the action of the Board respecting Mission Schools, recommended by the last General Assembly. The names of the Secretaries appointed will be found below the names of the Missionaries and Pastors appointed by this Board.

As the result of a conference of the members of this Board on the subject of Schools, referred to us by the General Assembly, the following paper presented by the President, Dr. Hastings, was unanimously adopted:

"The attention of this Board has been called to a new department of work, first, by urgent appeals of true and trusted friends on the frontiers, and then, by the overtures of the Presbyteries of Utah and Colorado, to the last General Assembly (Assembly's Minutes, p. 513), and by the Report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Home Missions (Assembly's Minutes, p. 509-513).

"Hitherto this Board has strictly confined its efforts to the establishment and maintenance of churches; but it has become apparent that, among the exceptional populations found in the Western part of the country, our evangelistic work must begin, as began the work in the Foreign Missionary field, by the establishment of schools which shall

prepare the way for churches.

"It is evident that, in entering upon this new department of labor, it is to the last degree important to guard carefully against making the impression, either upon the patrons or the beneficiaries of this Board, that

we have concluded to undertake a general educational work.

"Some conditions must be fixed to protect ourselves from seeming to depart from our proper province, and to avoid awakening expectations, on the frontiers, of such general help for schools as we cannot consistently give. It is quite impossible to fix merely territorial limitations to this work, because the natural and proper limitations are in the character and condition, and not in the localities of the people to be reached. Alaska, Utah and New Mexico, have been conspicuously in the minds of those who have urged this school work upon us; but there is a large

Indian population in Arizona, in Washington Territory, in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Montana, while in California there are 150,000 Chinese. In New Mexico there are 90,000 Mexicans, 25,000 Aztecs and Indians, and 1874 of mixed white population. In Alaska there are 26,-000 natives, and from two to three hundred Americans and Russians. In Utah there are 100,000 Mormons, from 3000 to 5000 Americans, and as many Indians. In Arizona there are from 12,000 to 15,000 Americans, and an equal number of Indians, Mexicans and Mormons.

"By this brief review it will be seen that territorial limitation is not

suited to the peculiarities of this school work.

"It should therefore be understood.

"1st. That every application for the establishment and maintenance of a school or schools, by this Board, must be judged on its own merits, with the presumption against it, as being an application for exceptional work.

"2d. It is only among populations that can not be reached as yet by churches, that this Board will undertake in any case the establishment and support of schools.

- "This condition shall be understood as referring to Mormons, Mexicans, Aztecs, Indians, Chinese and natives of Alaska.
- "3d. No schools shall be established or supported by this Board, in States or in Territories which have already, or are likely soon to have, school laws, unless there shall appear to be strong and special reasons for making a temporary exception to this

"4th. Only such teachers shall be employed and commissioned as are endorsed by the Sessions of the churches to which they belong, and by the Presbyteries within

whose bounds they live.

"5th. So far as may be practical, the financial support for this school-work shall be committed to the women of our church, as their special trust, out of whose contributions, without drawing upon our regular Home Missionary Fund, shall be taken what, in our judgment, may be needed for this work.

#### "COMMISSION. No.-Home Missions, Presbyterian Mission House, 23 Centre Street, (P. O. Box 3863.) New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 187 President, T. S. HASTINGS, D.D.

Secretaries, H. KENDALL, D.D., CYRUS DICKSON, D.D. Treasurer, O. D. EATON, Esq.

The Presbytery of ——— having recommended you for Teacher of the Mission School at \_\_\_\_\_, and satisfactory evidence of your good and regular standing having been furnished us by the Session of —, (of which you are a member), the Board do hereby appoint you their MISSIONARY TEACHER for said School, — for the term of months, from this date, on a salary of - dollars, (\$-), which you are to receive from the Treasury of this Board.

By order of the Board, \_\_\_\_\_\_; } Secretaries.

#### TERMS OF THIS COMMISSION.

"FIRST. You are required, at the end of every quarter from the date of your commission, to forward to the Secretaries a full and accurate report of your labors; noticing in detail the various departments of your work, and the various encouragements and trials therewith connected, together with any facts or suggestions that may be of service to the Board, or of interest to the churches.

"Second. You are expected to forward to the Secretaries, that they may have it in hand by the first of April, a statistical report for the year preceding, for which a blank form will be furnished in due season, exhibiting:

The number of Schools under your care.

The names of places at which they are stationed.

3. The number of School buildings.

4. To whom they belong.

5. Is the Shorter Catechism taught?

6. The grade of the different Schools.

7. Branches taught.

8. The number of Scholars.

9. The number of other Teachers associated with you.

10. Their names.

Any other items of interest to the lovers of Home Missions. 11.

"THIRD. On the reception of your quarterly report, the amount of compensation for the quarter, as determined by your Commission, shall be regarded as due; AND AS SOON AFTERWARDS AS THE FUNDS SHALL WARRANT, a check for that amount will be forwarded to your order.

#### QUARTERLY REPORT.

"This Report is sent you that we may know definitely the work being done in your field of labor. Fill up the statistics fully, and also add facts, thoughts, incidents and experience-encouraging and discouraging-making them as interesting as possible, that when published in the "RECORD" the hearts of Christian people may be awakened as their knowledge is increased, and the work be strengthened by their sympathy, prayers and gifts. One of these blank reports is sent you for each quarter of the year for which you are commissioned. You are expected to forward to the Secretaries, that they may have it in hand by the first of April, a statistical report for the year preceding, for which a blank form will be furnished in season.

No. of days in attendance at the school,

Scholars in attendance, largest, 66 6.6 smallest, average,

New Scholars,

Is the School opened and closed with Prayer?

Are the Scriptures read and taught? Is the Catechism taught (Child's or Shorter)?

How many are Church Members?

Approved by

How many were added to the Church this quarter?

Have you a Sabbath-school? Of how many Members?

What number of the day Scholars attend the Sabbath-school?

How often have you attended?

In what capacity?

What amount of money have you received, besides salary, from the Board?

— Minister in Charge."

#### HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS IN DECEMBER 1877.

Rev. J. M. Chrysler, East Syracuse, N. Y. Rev. G. Alexy, Bohemi ins, N. Y. Rev. J. Swift, Akron, N. Y. Rev. R. T. McMahon, Glasgow, Pa. Rev. R. T. McMahon, Glasgow, Pa. Rev. W. H. Adams, East Greene, Pa. Rev. R. S. Morton, Petersburgh, Pa. Rev. J. P. Kennedy, Centreville, Pa. Rev. H. J. Gaylord, Eden and Blackwater, Md.

Md.

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Rev. W. R. Sibbet, Lumberton and Sutton, W. Va.
Rev. H. G. Blaney, Kingwood, W. Va.
Rev. J. B. McDonnall, Plum Creek and Penn Run, Ky.
Rev. J. P. McMillan, Burkeville, Ky.
Rev. C. A. Duncan, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Rev W. F. Rogers, Grassy Cove, Tenn.
Rev. D. M. Wilson, Mars Hill, Tenn.
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Rev. I. B. Moore, Clayborne, Ind.
Rev. F. J. Reichert, Spring Valley, Ill.
Rev. R. C. Galbraith, Fairfield, Ill.
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Mich.
Rev. A. Marsh, Cadillac, Mich.
Rev. A. Figge, Richfield and West Granville,
Wis.

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Rev. J. B. Linskea, Sidney, Iowa.
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Rev. J. Kirkwood, Osco and Spring Ranch, Neb.

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Neb.
Rev. J. M. Pryse, Red Cloud, Neb.
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Mo.
Rev. J. D. Owens, Tarkio, Mo.
Rev. O. J. King, Marion Centre, Kansas.
Rev. J. W. Talbott, Mapleton, Uniontown and
Fairview, Kan.
Rev. S. N. D. Martin, Neodesha and Springdale, Kan
Rev. H. F. Albright, Smith Centre and Cora,
Kan.

Kan.
Rev. V. E. Taylor, Ness, Kan.
Rev. J. Anderson, St. Joe, Texas.
Rev. A Smith, Palo Pinto, Texas.
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Rev. G. G. Smith, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Rev. H. R. Palmer, Zuni, New Mexico.

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## RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN DECEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—Albany—Albany 1st 148; Charlton (Ladies' Soc'y 15 50) 28 50; Esperance 263; Johnstown 200. Champlain—Essex 22; Plattsburgh 35; Port Henry Sab-sch 30. Columbia—Greenville 25 75; Hillsdale (Copac Station 2 13) 12; Hunter (Sab-sch 4 50 20. Troy—Troy, Liberty St 1 13 525 01

BALTIMORE. — Baltimore — Baltimore 1st<sub>1</sub> Ladies' Soc'y 550; Baltimore, Knox 5; Baltimore, Madison St 10; Baltimore, Westminster, a member 5; Bel Air 4; Emmittsburgh 40; Fallston 1; Havre de Grace 40; Piney Creek 15; Taney Town 41. New Castle—Elkton 12 50; Lewes Sabsch 5; Middletown, Forest 1st (Sabsch 25 36. 63 36; Port Penn 20; Wilmington, Central 100; Wilmington, Olivet 18

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CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton—Binghampton 1st 97 43: Nichols 14 83 Otsego—Gibertsville 30. St Lawrence—Gouverneur 86 44; Hammond 30; Oswegatchie 2d 825.
Syracuse—Cazenovia 89 40; Manlius 6 34.
Utica—Lowville 30; New Hartford 14 14; Oncida 100: Rome 63 96; Utica 1st 346 04; Utica, Bethany 162 58; Utica, Westminster, in part 89 50; West Utica 40 1,208 91

CINCINNATI.—Chillicothe—Bloomingburgh 34 18; Greenland 3; Salem 69 04. Cincinnati.—Bethel 10; Cincinnati, Orchard St 15; Harrison 5; Sharonville 10 63; Springdale 24 22; Venice 15; Wyoming 120 Dayton—Dayton, Memorial, (A E S ch Miss'y Socy 30) 45; Greenville 11; Monroe 7; New Jersey (Sab sch 150; 728; Piqua 1st 32 51 Portsmouth—Gallipolis 25 54; Jackson, add'l 5; Red Oak, Young People's Miss'y Socy 14

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CLEVELAND. — Cleveland — Cleveland 2d, Ladies' Benevolent Soc'y 100: Rome 2 47; Willoughby 4 65. Mahoning—Columbiana 15; Ellsworth 47 50; Kinsman 20; Lowellville 5 50; Massillon 2d 15; Middle Sandy 4 08; New Lisbon 10; Warren 14 80; Youngstown 1st 22 90 St Clairsville—Beulah 5; Morristown 11 10; Mount Pleasant 57; Rock Hill, Ladies Home Miss'y Soc'y 63 29. Steubenville—Beech Spring 25; Bethel 17 87; Madison 2 13; Steubenville Old 7

Colorado.—Colorado—Trinidad 5; Valmont Sab sch 10

COLUMBIA.—Oregon — Pleasant Grove 12 South Oregon—Corvallis 14 26 00

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Columbus.—Athens—Bristol 2; McConnellswille 5 Columbus—Blendon 11 20; Central College 24 80; Circleville 1st 22 11; Columbus, Westminster 15; London Sab-sch 10; Rush Creek 2.75 Marion—Berlin 10; Liberty 6; Little Mill Creek 6 20; Mt Gilead 22 40; Trenton 11 51; West Berlin 3 50. Wooster—Ashland 47 05; Canal Fulton 12; Holmesville 424; Jackson (Sab-sch 11 25) 34 25; Loudon-ville 6; Orange 5 75; Perrysville 20; Savannah

30; Wooster 1st 45 25; Wooster, Westminster 20. Zanesville—Clark 10; Coshocton 47; Mt Pleasant 4; Mt Zion 6 88; Jefferson (Sab-sch 5, Rev W D Wallace 5) 13; Zanesville 1st 17 52

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ERIE.—Allegheny—Allegheny, North 230 75:
Freedom 5; Leetsdale add'l 50 cts; Sewickley
(S W Semple 50: 440. Butler—Amity 8; Centre 4 20; Mount Nebo 8; Muddy Creek 15 23;
New Salem 15; Portersville, add'l 5; Zelienople 9 13 Clarion—Greenville 6; New Rehoboth 4; St Petersburgh 27. Erie—Cambridge 12 50; East Greene 8; North East
29; Pleasantville 105; Salem 4; Springfield
5 41; Sugar Creek 7; Sugar Creek Memorial
6 40; Sunville 10 42. Kittanning—Freeport
30; Shrader's Grove 5 18; Slate Lick 30 20;
Smicksburgh 5 51; West Glade Run 28;
Worthington 42. Shenango—Hermon 15 25;
Little Beaver 5 70; Neshannock Sab sch
139 67; Sharon 1st11; Sharpsville 4 37; Westfield 126
GENEVA.— Canuga — Auburn 1st 497 78

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Aurora 25; Genoa 1st 32 65; Genoa 3d Sabsch 1 91 5 44; Port Byron 8. Chemung—
Mead's Croek 3 40; Southport 22; Spencer 30; Sugar Hill 3 29. Geneva—Romulus Parish
Sab-sch 2 28; West Fayette 5 04. Lyons—
Newark Sab-sch 56 45) 98 17; Ontario 4 49.
Steuben—Painted Post 27 764 £4

HARRISBURGH.— Carlisle — Bloomfield 14; Carlisle 1st 64 15; Chambersburgh Falling Spring 200; Dickinson 12; Greeneastle 46; Mechanicsburgh 3175; Millerstown 4235; Newport 13; St Thomas, Strasburg Station 10) 1383; Robert Kennedy Memorial 8; Wayneboro 17 41. Huntingdon—Altoona 2d 93; Fruit Hill (Sab-sch 15) 30; Huntingdon 10455; Logan's Valley 11; Morrisdale Mines 33 cts; Phi-lipsburgh 1: Tyrone 13 38; Upper Tuscarora 17 25; West Kishacoquillas 75. Northumberland—Berwick 6 50; Grove (Sab-sch 20 63; Lewisburgh (Sab-sch 62 50) 17450; Sunbury 56; Waskington 39 75; Williamsport 24 24 15 Wellsboro—Arnot 4; Beecher Island 5 50; Elkland and Oscoola 5 1186 45 ILLINOIS, CENTRAL—Bloomington—Bloom

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ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—Bloom 10; Chicago 2d, from Mrs Albert Keep 5; Chicago 4th 500; Chicago, Fullerton Avenue Ladles 40; Chicago, Jefferson Park, J P W 4985; Manteno 25. Freeport—Belvidere 40; Freeport 2d, Sab-sch 10) 40 25; Elizabeth mon coll 3 20; Warren Women Missy Socy 16. Ottawa—Earlville 5; Morris (Sab-sch 6) in

part 25; Streator 4 89. Rock River—Edgington 13; Fulton 2; Hamlet (Infant Class 3) 13; North Henderson (Sab-sch 7) 20; Perryton 2

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—Alton—Bethel 3; Edwardsville 5; Greenfield 11 25; Plum Creek 26 70; Sparta 132; Virden 6 01. Cairo—Centralia 6 40. Mattoon—Beekwith Prairie 5; Mattoon add'l1; Taylorville 3 199 36

INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Bethany 21 25; Bethel 3 60; Darlington 3 70; Dayton 19 81; Delphi 35 80; Frankfort 26; Newtown 9 65; Rob Roy 10; Thorntown 18 25.
Fort Wayne—Albion 6 56; Auburn 5; Fort Wayne—Albion 6 56; Auburn 5; Fort—La Porte (Sab-sch 110) 246 27; Plymouth 1 87; Valparaiso 11 75. Muncie—Hopewell 5; Nobleville 37; Portland 7 30; Tipton 3 25; Wabash 6 16

INDIANA, SOUTH.—Indianapolis—Bethany 5; Franklin 28 83. New Albany—Charlestown 6 30; Jeffersonville 31 60; Mount Vernon 2; New Albany 1st 109 20. Vincennes—Terre Haute 1st 16; Worthington 10. White Water—Ebenezer 5; Lawrenceburgh 11; Lewisville 5

Iowa, North.—Cedar Rapids—Big Grove 177; Garrison 3 60; Linn Grove (J L W and family 5) 16 10; Springville 2 10; Rev S W La Grange 4 63. Dubuque—Frankville 3 50; Manchester 3 20; Sherrill's Mound 7. Fort Dodge—Plymouth 1 85. Waterloo—Grundy Centre 2d Ger 10; Nevada, Woman's Miss'y So.'y 15 85

IOWA, SOUTH.—Council Bluffs—Villisca 7 01. Des Moines—Des Moines 22 95; East Des Moines 10 26. Iowa—Kossuth 1st 7 37; Pleasant Plain 150; Winfield 14. Iowa City—Fairview 6; Le Claire 4; Montezuma 5; Mount Union 5; Princeton 4; Scott, Ladies Society 6 93 09

KANSAS.—Austin—Denison 15. Emporia— Peabody 7. Highland—Neuchatel 5. Neosho—Pleasanton 4; Prescott 2. Solomon—Cheever 205. Topeka—Clinton, A Thank Offering 10 50; Edgerton 13; Olathe 3 39; Topeka 1st 122 30

KENTUCKY—Ebenezer—Paris 415. Louisville—Louisville, Warren 18; Owensboro 1st 41 25; Plumb Creek 5. Transylvania—Concord 5; Lebanon (Ladies' Soc'y 20) 48 25

Long Island.—Brooklyn—Brooklyn, Classon Av, in part 282; Brooklyn, Clinton St, 3542; Brooklyn Islands, Lenry St add'l 75; Brooklyn, Lafayette Av, (Sabset 200), add'l 977; Brooklyn, Throop Av 35 12; Greenpoint 15. Long Island—Mattituck 7 65; Middletown 4 36. Nassau—Freeport 11 69

Freeport 11 69

MICHIGAN.—Detroit—Detroit 1st 125; Detroit, Fort St 264 68; Holly (Sab-sch 3 37) 10; Milford 15; Plymouth 1st 17 77; Stony Creek 16 25. Lansing—Albion 18 94; Hastings 8; Homer, add'l 4; Marshall (M. Heydenback 10) 24 70. Monroe—Adrian 39 75; Hillsdale 22 04; Monroe, A Thank-offering from individuals 1 25; Petersburg 16; Quincy 17 54 Saginaw—Bay City 42 55; Caseville 4 50; Fenton 8 75

MINNESOTA,--Mankato--Lake Crystal, Union Sab-sch 8: Le Sueur 9 50; Winnebago City, add'l 10. St Paul--Bismarck 40; Minneapolis, Westminster, Ladies' H Miss'y Soc'y 25: St Paul, House of Hope 48 75

MISSOURI. — Osage — Appleton City 5 16; Ebenezer 5 56; Freeman 5; Greenwood 4 20; Kansas City 3d 13; Prosperity 5 25: Sedalia 10; Sharon 5; Westfield 3. Palmyra—Brookfield 1st 12 25: Canton (Miss Belle McCardell 1) 3 50. Platte — Cameron 5; Lathrop 5; Osborn 4 85 92

NEBRASKA.—Nebraska City—Brownville 12; Fairbury 5; Meridian 5; Simeon 1 40; Tecumseh 5. Omaha—Bellevue 4; Papillion 3 50 New Jersey.—Elizabeth—Clinton 1st 14 34; Elizabeth, Westminster, Ladies' Home Miss'y Society 17; Plainfield Second 182; Roselle 1st (Sabbath school 775) 14 86. Jersey City—Paterson 1st 51; Paters m, Broadway Ladies' Soc'y 1 62; Tenafly Sab-sch 100 Monmouth—Barnegat 2: Forked River 2; Matawan 24 32. Morris and Orange—East Orange 13 62; Madisson 16 49; Mendham 2d 19 40; Parsippany 50 20; Rockaway 37; South Orange, add'l 20. Newark — Broomfield, Westminster 30 55; Newark Park 24 65; Newark, South Park, mon con coil 28 41. New Brunswick—Bound Brook 14 15; Dutch Neck 25; Kirkpatrick, Memorial 20 66; Trenton 1st 818; Trenton 2d 29; Trento-, Prospect St 56 28. Newton—Belvidere 1st 39 55; Branchville, Woman's Miss'y and Sewing Soc'y 7 75; Harmony 28 20; Phillipsburgh Sab-sch 15. West Jersey—Bridgeton 1st, in part 125

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New York.—Boston—Bedford 25 25; Boston 1st 50. Hudson—Goodwill 19 23; Hampton-burgh 24 31; Middletown 2d 6 89; Ridgebury 1 25; Scotchtown 8 07; Washingtonville 2d Sab-sch 9) 29. New York—New York, Brick, add'll 275; New York, Brick ch Chapel 110 15; New York, Ch of the Sea and Land 3 75; New York, New York, 13th St 77 26; New York, Washington Heights 12; New York, 4th Ave 61; New York, 5th Ave, (25,000 of wh from Messrs R L and A Stuart) in part 28,960 36. North River—Kingston 2; Poughkeepsie, Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y 140: Smithfield 40. Westchester—Tremont 1st 5; Yonkers 1st, mon con coll 6 86

30,980 82

PACIFIC.—Benicia—Point Arena 7 50; Vacaville 4 75. Sacramento — Columbia 4 80; Marysville 15; Placerville 20. San Francisco—San Francisco, French 6. San Jose—Santa Clara, (Sab-sch 5) in part 12; Visalia 10 79 85

Clara, (Sab-sch 5) in part 12; Visalia 10 79 85
PHILADELPHIA. — Chester — Downingtown
Central 15; Marple 10 40; Media 7 40; Phenixville 2 55; Upper Octorara 22 90; West
Chester 28 85. Lackawanna—Franklin 1 85;
Montrose 30; Scranton 1st 142; Susquehanna
Depot 5 36; Troy 26 49; Tunkhannock 13 41.
Lehigh—Allen Township 40; Mahanoy City
(Infant class 5) 13; Mountain 6; Reading 1st
Sab-sch 75. Philadelphia—Philad'a 4th 10;
Phila, 10th Sab-sch 11 41; Phila, Calvary 1,149
Phila. W Spruce St, from G S Benson, Esq
100. Philadelphia Central—Philad'a, Alexander 208 87; Phila, Bethlehem 45 80; Philad'a,
Cohoeksink (Sab-sch 60) 139; Phila, Columbia
Ave 6; Phila, Kensington 1st 31 77; Philad'a,
Clivet 41 77; Phila, Princeton 47; Phila 2d,
Ger 4 13. Philadelphia North—Bristol 70.
Westminster—Cedar Grove 12 2,316 96
Ptttsburgh.—Blairsville—Beulah 58 13;

PITTSBURGH.—Blairsville—Beulah 58 13; Braddock's 26; Laird 16; Livermore 29 60; Pine Run 6; Poke Run 60 61; Unity 43 25. Pittsburgh—Birmingham 1st 4; Canonsburgh, add'l 3; East Liberty 21; Hazlewood 19 18; Miller's Run 7 65; Mingo 14 50; Montours 19; Oakdale 22; Pittsburgh 1st 2s2 25; Pittsburgh 2d 39 99; Pitsburgh 3d, from Mrs M 6 Sempla 50; Pittsburgh 6th 144; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 30 61; Raecoon (Sab-sch 2 60) 157 60; Sharon 8 25. Redstone—Belle Vernon 49; Brownsville 45; Connellsville 63 19; Fayette City 5; George's Creek 6 75; Laurel Hill 21 50; Mount Pleasant 21; Pleasant Unity 7 80; Mount Pleasant 21; Pleasant Unity 7 80; Mount Pleasant 73; Forks of Wheeling (Sab-sch 19 155; Hookstown 7 31; Lower Buffalo 7 60; Mount Pleasant 8; Mount Prospect 41 25; Pigeon Creek 36 38; Three Springs 8; Upper Buffalo Sab-sch 6 81 53 16; Upper Ten Mile 13; Waynesburgh 13; West Liberty 19 50; Wheeling 2d (Mrs John Reid 10) in part 40 73. West Virginia—Long Reach 6; Newburgh 7 25

Tennessee.— Holston— Jonesboro 4 68.

TENNESSEE. — Holston — Jonesboro 4 68. Kingston — Baker's Creek 5; Bethel 5 10; Madisonville 10; Mars Hill 3 27 78

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Toledo.—Bellefontaine—Bellefontaine 5 26; Bucyrus 3 53; Marseilles 7 35; Urbana 23; West Liberty 2 01. Huron—Norwalk 77 31; Olena 25. Lima—Delphos 14 65; Lima 17. Maumee—Bowling Green 6 70; Bryan 14 70 198 51

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Buffalo, North, Sab-sch 82 32; Buffalo, Wells St 7; East Aurora 30; Silver Creek 31; Westfield 10 20. Genesee—Batavia 84 04; Bergen 56 79; Byron 7 40; Leroy 17 24. Rochester—Brock-port 43 65; Clarkson 20; Geneseo 1st 14 42; Rochester 3d 96 66; Rochester, St Peter's 40 50

In January Record, Niagara Presbytery, Knowlesville ch, instead of Dr G W Graves \$1 31, read Knowlesville ch \$31 (of which \$1 from Dr G W Graves.)

Wisconsin.—Chippewa—Hixton 5; Hudson 1st 6 50. Lake Superior—Ford River 6 58. Milwaukee—Delafield 3 47; Milwaukee, Immanuel 147 55; Ottawa 1 67; Waukesha Sabsch 18 03) 34 47. Winnebago—Oshkosh 12; Rural 7. Wisconsin River—Fancy Creek (Sab-sch 3) 7; Portage 10 16; Richland City 2 248 40 243 40

From the Ladies Board of Missions, New 200 00 York

\$49,806 02 Total received from churches,

LEGACIES. - Legacy of Lucius Hopkins, LEGACIES.—Legacy of Lucius Hopkins, dec'd, late of New York City 5,000; Dying Bequest of Mrs Mabel Pabody, dec'd, late of Vernon, Ind, 300; Legacy of Mary Jane Moore, dec'd, late of Platnfield, N J, add'l 3,000, and 10 months int=3,175; Legacy of William H Wilkie, dec'd, la e of N Y City, add'l 40; Legacy of Mrs Achsah Van Dyke, dec'd, late of East Canton, Pa, in part 88 9,053 00

less expenses 195 00

8,858 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev R Craighead, Meadville, Pa 100; "I J," N Y City 10; S D Cochran, Auburn, Ky 5; Harriet Huntingdon, Danville, Iowa 3; "A Friend, through S B Strong" 5; Honeoye 1st Congregational ch, N Y 40; A Friend, Victor, Iowa 1; The Misses Vau Gelder, Camden, N J 25; Mrs R W Hoyt, Taunton, Mass 2; "C W," Boston, Mnss 50; A friend, Newtown, Pa 70; Mary Tannatt, Peekskill, N Y 5; J M Schermerhorn, Esq, Homer, N Y 50; "C," Ohio 17 27; Mrs E A Ralyea, New Sharon, Iowa 5; Mrs M R Irvine, Shippensburg, Pa 1 50; Miss E C Burkhart, Phila, Pa 5; Rev Robert McCachran, Newville, Pa 10; W N Blakeman, M D, N Y City 100; Religious Contribution Soc'y of Princeson Theol Sem'y 33 63; Mrs Rev D V Smook, Keota, Iowa 150; Mrs Julia Creighton Smith, Liverpool, England, through Rev Dr H A Boardman 10; Rev J H Byers, Nevada, Mo 5; Ludlow Grove Sab-sch 2; Rev Milton W Brown, Mt Eaton, Ohio 5; "Tithes for Home Missions" 5; J B Davidson, Newville, Pa 5; Mary Coe 2; Miss Amanda Nice 1; "Cash," through Presbyterian 5; Mrs Catharine M Linnard, Phila, Pa 10; A Friend 5 594 90

Total in December 1877, \$59,258 92

O. D. EATON, Treasurer,

(P. O. Box 3863) 23 Centre Street, New York.

#### CLOTHING.

1 box from the Young Ladies of Philad'a Walnut Steh, Pa, valued at 258 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Philad'a Woodland ch, valued at 1 box from the Ladies of Flemington ch, N

J, valued at 1 box from the Home Mission Band of Freeport 2d ch, Ill, valued at

1 suit of clothes from Mary P Faber, N City. No value given
2 boxes from the Ladies of Harrisburgh 1st

ch, Pa, valued at
145 22
1 box from the Woman's Home Miss'y Soc'y
of Wooster 1st ch, Ohio, valued at
82 00
Wooster 1st ch, Ohio, valued at
82 00 145 25 82 00

1 box from the Ladies of Evanston ch, Ill

1 box from the Ladies of Prairie City ch, Ill.

1 box from the Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y of Albion ch, N Y, valued at
1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Soc'y of Calvary ch, West New Brighton, N Y, valued at

1 box from the Ladies of Elizabeth 1st ch, J, valued at 300 00 1 box from the Ladies of Uniontown ch, Pa,

valued at 199 00 1 box from the Ladies' Sewing Soc'y of Great Valley ch, Pa, valued at 90 00 1 box from the Ladies of Pittsburgh 3d ch,

Pa, valued at 175 00 1 box from the Ladies of Marion ch, Ohio,

64 65 valued at 1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'y of Batavia ch, N Y, valued at 91 69 1 box from the Ladies of Goshen ch, N Y, 91 69 N Y,

130 00 valued at 1 box and barrel from the Ladles of Stamford ch, Conn, valued at 547 00

1 box from the Ladies of Sewickley ch, Pa. 160 25 valued at

1 box from the Ladies of Buffalo, Calvary ch, N Y, valued at 200 00 1 box from the Ladies of Harrisburg, Pine St ch, Pa, valued at 1 box from the Ladies of Mendham 2d ch, N

J, valued at
1 box from the Ladies of Syracuse Park
Central ch, N Y, valued at
80 00
1 box from the Ladies' Home Branch of Nor-

ristown 1st ch Miss'y Soc'y, Pa, valued at 175 00 1 box from the Ladies' Soc'y of Media ch,

80 00 Pa, valued at 1 box from the Ladies' Benevolent Soc'y of Newton ch, N J, valued at 293 00 1 box from the Ladies of Orange Central ch,

N J, valued at 90 00 NY. 1 box from the Ladies of Bedford ch, valued at 100 00

1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc'yo' Lowville ch, N Y, valued at 60 00 1 box from the Young People's Miss'y Soc'yo of Red Oak ch, Ohio, valued at 25 00

of Red Oak ch, Ohio, valued at box from the Ladies of Franklin ch. Pa, valued at 80 50

1 box from the Ladies of Chicago 8th ch, Ill, 1 box from the Ladies of Syracuse 1st ch, N Y, valued at 150 00 150 83 valued at

1 box from the Ladies of Buck Creek ch, Ohio, valued at 1 box from the Ladies of Leetsdale ch, Pa,

200 00 valued at 1 box from the Ladies of Melton ch, 115 85 valued at

1 box from the Ladies of Washington, N Y Ave ch, D C, valued at 231 38 1 box from the Ladies' Home Miss'y Soc y oi Elizabeth, Westminster ch N J, valued at

1 box from the Ladies of Jeffersonville ch,

30 00 Ind, valued at 1 box from the Ladies of Bellevue ch, Pa, valued at

1 box from the Woman's Miss'y Soc'y of Kossuth ch, Iowa, valued at 52 bo 1 box from the Ladies of Dayton 1st ch, O, 66 27

valued at Pa. 1 box from the Ladies of Bristol ch, 310 00 valued at

1 box from the Ludies' Miss'y Soc'y of Walnut Hilis 1st ch, Ohio, valued at 70 00 1 box from the Ladies of Troy ch, Pa, valued 27 00

> \$6,641 52 Total value,

#### SUSTENTATION DEPARTMENT.

The number of applications for aid, under both the Mission and Sustentation Pastorates, is increasing. There are now some sixty-five of both classes, and a number of new applications, to be considered by the Board at its next meeting. The following letters will illustrate the progress of establishing and sustaining these feeble churches.

Dear Brethren:—It is with great pleasure that we transmit herewith our First Report to you. The connection of our little church with Sustentation has proved, thus far, a very happy one. We think we see a new interest in all the concerns of the church from our being enabled, through this aid, to have the stated preaching of the Word each week. The members of the church seem filled with new hope; and the people of the community seem to feel a greater respect for us. Our Sabbath-school grows in interest, some of the young men and women from outside are now coming in to form a Bible-class for the Pastor. The Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting has been well attended; it is increasing a little each week. The attendance upon our Sabbath services has been excellent, and the people have listened with seeming eagerness to the Word preached. Our Communion is to be held next Sabbath. We hope to have some additions to report for the coming quarter.

With respect, yours fraternally,

M. W.

I have nothing special to report since receiving commission, above what was being done before I was installed pastor. At the beginning, I was just recovering from a severe attack of sickness, which laid me aside for a month. My session, however, were most faithful in my absence in looking after the flock, and kept the regular services in progress. I have been able during this quarter to occupy the pulpit every day, and to attend to all my duties as pastor. In addition to the ordinary services of the Sabbath, and weekly Prayer Meetings, I have attended the Young Men's Prayer Meeting, and have established and kept in successful operation a Bible-class for the study of the International S. S. Lessons. The Y. M. P. Meeting has steadily increased in the attendance and interest, and has been the means of developing in the younger men of the church a deeper and more steady piety. The class for the study of the Bible Lesson on Friday night has awakened a new interest in the study of God's word. Altogether the state of the church is healthy. We have no debts to pay; salary is promptly paid at each quarterly communion. Sabbath Services and Prayer Meetings are well attended. Sabbath-school is in a healthy state of growth. Outside of the church however there is the usual intemperance and profanity of railroad villages, and it seems to many of us, a more pronounced universalism and other forms of scepticism. The Week of Prayer has brought out a new interest in Home and Foreign Missions.

Yours, most truly,

R. H. B.

The work of another quarter as a Home Missionary has been done, at least the time has expired. I have had grace and health vouchsafed to fulfill every appointment. Have held regular Sabbath and week-day services in each church, and supervised the Sunday-schools, superintending one, and reviewing both at the end of the quarter, as is my uniform custom. Attendance upon ordinances is very good. Congregations were never so good in Columbus. I am always repaid for my six miles ride to Plattsburg on Thursday nights. A gathering of forty or fifty uniformly meets me. Our people are studying the Scriptures earnestly. We have held quite a number of extra services. We are now in the midst of meetings of the Week of Prayer. On the fair evenings the attendance has been very good. We have entirely paid for the improvements in the church building. Both churches are very comfortable. Throughout the congregation there seems to be the utmost harmony, and many are willing workers.

Trusting that my report is satisfactory, I remain,

Your obedient, &c., H. R. H.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN DECEMBER 1877.

Rev. R. A. Blackford, Croton Falls, N. Y. Rev. J. G. Lyle, Homestead, Pa. Rev. H. F. Olmstead, Versailles and Hope-well, Ind.

Rev. M. P. Ormsby, Eureka, Ill. Rev. D. Street, ft Howard, Wis. Rev. W. W. Thorpe, East Des Moines, Iowa.

#### RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION IN DECEMBER 1877.

ALBANY .- Albany -- Albany 1st 36 75; Johnstown 25 61 75

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore—Fallston 1 00 CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton—Binghamton 1st 28 42; Masonville 2. Syracuse—Skaneatelas 10; Manlius, Trinity 1 57 41 99

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland—Chester 61 cents. Mahoning—Warren 3 67. St Clairsville— Bethel 8 15; Wellsville 17 29 43

COLUMBUS .- Wooster-Wooster, Wes min-10 00

ERIE.—Butler—Centre 1 04; Karns City 2. Erie-Salem 4

HARRISBURGH.—Carlisle—Waynesboro 4 32.
Huntingdon — Morrisdale Mines 30 cents;
Phillipsburgh 59 cts. Northumberland—Williamsport 2d 2 74

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Peoria—Eureka 16 Springsheld—Springsheld 3d 37 50 ILLINOIS, North.—Chicago—Lake Fo 28 75. Rock River—Fulton 1; Perryton 1 -Eureka 10 26. 47 76

Forest 30 75

ILLINOIS, SOUTH .- Alton-Virden 1 49 INDIANA, NORTH .- Logansport-Plymouth 0 45

IOWA, SOUTH.—Council Bluffs—Clarinda 8 72. Des Moines—East Des Moines 35. Iowa —Kossuth 1 84 45 56 KENTUCKY .- Ebenezer-Paris 1 30

Michigan.—Detroit—Detroit, Fort St 30 62.
Monroe—Adrain 9 90; Petersburgh 4. Saginaw—Bay City 7 04 51 56

MISSOURI--Platte-Chillicothe 35; Savan-70 00 nah 35

JERSEY. - Elizabeth - Clinton NEW Morris and Orange—East Orange 3 38; Madison 4 11; Mendham 1st 10 17. Newark—Newark Park 6 11. Newton—Belvidere 7 83. West Jersey-Bridgeton 1st 25 60 16

NEW YORK.—Hudson—Goodwill 4 78; Middletown 1 71; Scotchtown 2. New York—

Brick 244 75; Sea and Land 93 cts Westchester-Croton Falls 7 88 262 05

PHILADELPHIA. — Chester — Media 1 83. Lackawanna—Franklin 45 cts. Lehigh—Al-lentown 19; Mahanoy City 4 15. Philadelphia —Chambers 20 Philadelphia Central—Beth-lehem 9 16. Philadelphia North—Norristown Central 10

Pittsburgh.—Pittsburgh—East Liberty 21; Homestead 40; Pittsburgh 2d 9 59; Pittsburgh 6th 48; Shady Side 15 31. Redstone—Scotis-dale 1 13. Washington—Allen Grove 19; Limestone 11; Wolf Run 10 175 63

1 16 TENNESSEE.—Holston—Jonesboro

TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—West Liberty 0 50 WESTERN NEW YORK. - Genesee - Byron 1 83

WISCONSIN.—Milwaukee—Delafield 85 cts: Ottawa 40 cts. Winnebago—Fort Howard 35

Total received from churches, \$1,009 60 MISCELLANEOUS.—"C," Ohio 4 29; Relig Contribution Society of Princeton Theological Seminary 8 45 Seminary 8 45

\$1,022 34 Total in December 1877, O. D. EATON, Treasurer, (P. O. Box 3863) 23 Centre Street, New York.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretaries,

Rev. HENRY KENDALL, D.D., or Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D.,

No. 23 Centre Street, New York City.

LETTERS relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to O. D. EATON, Esq, Treasurer—same address—P. O. Box 3863.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST .- Luke x. 2.

#### APPROPRIATIONS REFUNDED.

From time to time, there are returned to the treasury of the Board, in instalments by ministers, the sums which were given to them in aid of their education. This is wholly a voluntary act, inasmuch as no obligation is laid on the students to refund the money appropriated to them. It is, therefore, all the more honorable. Of course, with many ministers living upon scanty salaries such a thing were impossible; it could not be expected of them. Yet there is a good deal of Christian sense in the suggestions contained in a letter from one who has recently sent the Board the last \$50 of the whole sum of his appropriation, amounting to \$375, and which we take the liberty of publishing without name and without leave. He is one who would not let his left hand know what his right doeth, but we must insist on this light shining though the candlestick be kept in the shade. After a few preliminaries he writes:

"I believe that the efficiency of this Board would be increased one-half at least, if, in addition to the regular contributions from the churches, those who have received aid from the Board would refund the money as they are able, for the benefit of other students at present receiving aid. Thus a portion of consecrated funds would be kept in constant circulation for this object—a sort of circulating endowment fund—loaned out by the Board, and returned to it—again loaned out to others, and by them refunded, and so on indefinitely.

"The contributions of the churches would support and educate those who are unable to refund anything, and this other fund of refunded money would serve to educate others for the ministry, who in turn would be able to replace what they have received, and in this way the work would be vastly enlarged, and the efficiency of the Board greatly increased. Not that I would in reality make such a distinction in the funds of the Board, but such would be the practical effect, if the propriety of such measures were

generally understood and appreciated.

"Now, is it possible to get the ministers of our church who have received such aid, to view the subject in this way? Let it be generally understood that it is not an obligation to refund the aid received, but a matter of Christian propriety, in cases where the Lord has so prospered them

that they can do this, in shorter or longer periods.

"I have grave suspicions that the difficulty lies in this,-that many ministers of the gospel do not recognize their personal relations and obligations to the Lord on the subject of benevolence—they take it for granted that, as the Lord's servants, they are to be supported by the church, but they do not recognize their obligation to tithe their income as a portion sacred to the Lord. Take, for instance, the ministers of our churches-in round numbers, say 5,000-allow their average income to be \$500, which

is surely low enough, as we infer from the aggregate of ministers' salaries given in 1873. This would make the *tenth* of the income of our ministers to be the astonishing sum of \$250,000—this is the Lord's portion, and does any one suppose that one-eighth of all our contributions to the various benevolent agencies last year (including miscellaneous) was contributed by the ministers of the Presbyterian church? Therefore, some ministers at least do not tithe their income.

"And if pastors do not recognize this obligation to be personal, how is it possible that they should sincerely and earnestly train their people in

the grace of benevolence?

"Permit me to state to you privately my plan by which I have been able

to refund this money for the benefit of others.

"After leaving college, I desired to prepare myself for the ministry, I could not do so immediately without accepting aid from the Board. True, I might have delayed my preparations two or three years, but I believed the Lord had work for me as soon as I could be ready, and I recognized the Board of Education as his agency for this very purpose, therefore it was the Lord in his providence offering to prepare me for his work. Accepting this, my obligation was indirectly to the Lord-directly to the Board. Then after entering upon life, I made it my rule to pay the Lord the tithe, or the tenth of everything which came under my hand. This would be distributed through the various agencies—not neglecting the other Boards of our church, or other benevolent enterprises, but devoting a portion every year to refunding my obligation to the Board of Education. This was the Lord's money—it was simply paying him his own, but now that it is all refunded, my obligation is not with the Board, but with the Lord directly. I have set this much money in circulation for the benefit of some other theological student, and I hope he in turn

"But now I owe the Lord directly for my theological education, and

that is between Him and me.

"If I should leave the ministry, which is furthest from my thought, then I would pay the Lord in full, not from the Lord's money, but from

income after his portion is taken out.

"Pardon me for writing at such length. I shall be very glad to have you come out to visit me, spending a Sabbath, and presenting the cause of Education to my people. I remain, yours respectfully, S.

#### APPEALS FOR AID.

As a specimen of the appeals which are occasionally sent to the Board, we submit the following. Let the churches read, and discover herein, something of the necessity which calls for a Board of Education, and justifies its continued efforts. The first communication is from a foreign missionary in one of our most distant fields. We withhold the name of the place. Though dated last November, it has just come in.

My Dear Sir:—I write to ask you kindly to recommend to the Board of Education to aid my son, who is a student in —— College, and is preparing for the ministry. It is eight years since I saw him, but I have had other means of keeping up my acquaintance with him; and I believe him to be a young man of good abilities, good purposes and decided piety. The accounts we have had of him from time to time are very gratifying.

I regret that I have not the means of carrying him through his course of studies myself; but when I tell you that I am dependent upon my salary as a Foreign Missionary for my support, and that I have seven children, you will see that I have not —. Believe me, yours very truly.

The second is from the Chairman of the Educational Committee in one of our distant Presbyteries.

Dear Brother:—What encouragement has our Presbytery to recommend her candidates to the Board for aid? We have now five worthy young men, who are striving to prepare themselves for the ministry; but none of them are able to pursue their studies, without stopping to teach. We had one receiving aid last year who will lose this year in college in order to teach and return to college next year. The views of certain journals are making them feel that it is discreditable to them to accept aid. Ours is a Missionary Presbytery, and we need these young men very much in the ministry. It will probably take ten years for them to work through themselves. My advice to them is to use their last dollar in pursuing their studies, and then, if the Lord wants them to preach, he will help them. But surely the Board is one of the Lord's ways of helping worthy young men to prepare for the ministry. If it be one of His ways, then it is honorable to accept what is offered. Three of these candidates will need help next year. Shall we recommend them? Yours, etc.

And here, apropos to the effect produced by "the views of certain public journals" spoken of above, we subjoin an extract from a letter recently received from a president of one of our colleges, a man of excellent judgment and of large experience.

"I have regretted the publication of articles in some of our religious papers, knowing that their influence would be deleterious. It requires much grace, and no little wisdom, to say what some good brethren feel that they ought to say, and yet to say it in such phrase as not to do more

harm than good.

"Young men must be helped into the ministry; and sometimes the aid will prove to have been misapplied. But these cases are not many; and they really are of no account in comparison with the list of noble men who have thus been brought into the ministry. If the pastors would be on the watch for suitable candidates, they could find them. Yours truly."

#### RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN DECEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—Albany—Albany, First 41 25; Albany, Second 188 15. Champlain—Beekmantown 4 233 40 ATLANTIC.—Catawba—Pleasant View 50

cts 5

BALTIMORE.—New Castle—Middletown, Forest 6 00

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghampton—Binghampton, First 28 42; Smithvuile Flats 4. Otsego—Colchester 420. Syracuse—Liverpool 504; Manlius 177. Utica—Augusta 7; Rome 9 18; Sauquoit 3 56 63 17

CINCINNATI.—Crncinnati—Glendale 38 56; Loveland 802. Dayton—Hamilton 23 27; Piqua, First 11 45

OLEVELAND.—Cleveland — Ashtabula 3 22; Chester 5; Rome 69 cis. Mahoning—Canfield 5; Warren 4 13. St Clairsville—Beulah 2 50; Crab Apple 8. Steubenville—Bethel 4 19; Harlem 11 50; New Hagerstown 14 58 53

COLUMBUS .- Columbus - Columbus, Hoge

6 25. Wooster—Jackson 9 56; Orrville 1 32; Wooster 1st 33 07 50 20

ERIE.—Butler—Centre 119. Kittanning— Kittanning 63 75 64 94

GENEVA.—Cayuga—Auburn 2d 32 47. Geneva—Waterloo 50. Steuben—Addison 12 94 47

HARRISBURGH. — Carlisle — Dickinson 6; Waynesboro 4 84; Wells Valley 5. Northumberland—Butlalo 8 18; Williamsport 2d 6 80 30 82

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Bloomington—Clinton 10. Peoria—Low Point 5. Schuyler—Kirkwood 5; Macomb 10 50. Springfield—Farmington 3 350

ILLINOIS, NORTH. — Chicago—Chicago, Jefferson Park 20 85; Will 2 50. Ottawa—Elgin 5: Granville 3; Plato 1st 3. Rock River—Fulton 1 50; Perryton 1 36 85

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— Alton — Virden 1 67. Cairo— Friendsville 8; Gilead 75 cts; Harrisburgh 3. Mattoon—Charleston 1354 26 96 INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Prairie Centre 240; Sugar Creek 3. Fort Wayne— Auburn 5. Logansport—Plymouth 53 cts. Muncie—Wabash 172 1265

Indiana, South.—Vincennes—Terre Haute.

IOWA, NORTH.—Dubuque — Independence, German 5. Waterloo—Grundy Centre 5

10WA, SOUTH.—Council Bluffs—Guthrie 332. Des Moines—Dexter 2. Iowa—Kossuth 1st 206; Winfield 6. Iowa City—Martinsburgh 4

KANSAS.—Neosho—Geneva 2 80; Liberty 1 10; Neosho Falls 2 10 6 00

KENTUCKY.—Ebenezer—Paris 1 00

Long Island.—Brooklyn—New Brighton, Calvary 11 00

MICHIGAN.—Detroit—Detroit, Fort St 34 38. Grand Rapids—Clam Lake 8. Lansing—Albion 18 94. Monroe—Adrian 6 69. Saginaw— Bay City 7 90

MINNESOTA.—St Paul—St Paul, House of Hope 69 50. Winona—Holland 2 71 50

Missouri.—Ozark—Bethel 2; Ozark Prairie 3 St Louis—Kirkwood 14 70 19 70

NEBRASKA.—Nebraska City—Meridian 500
NEW JERSEY.—Elizabeth—Clinton 1st 402;
Elizabeth 1st 131 73; Lamington 15; New
Providence 6; Roselle 1st (Sab-sch 174) 333,
Jersey City—Rutherford Park 587. Monmouth
—Barnegat 1; Beveriy 23; Forked River 1.
Morris and Orange—Berkshire Valley 1;
East Orange 3 79; Madison 4 60; Parsippany
11. Newark—Newark 2d 21 92; Newark, Park
6 86. New Brunswick—Princeton 2d 34 97.
Newton—Belvidere 1st 16 61; Blairstown Sabsch 21 30. West Jersey—Clayton 20; Tuckahoe 1

NEW YORK.—Hudson—Amity 11: Chester 62: Goodwill 5 34; Middletown 2d 1 92; Ridgebury 80 cts: Scotchtown 2 25. New York—New York, Chof the Covenant, add'l 25; New York, Chof the Sea and Land 105; New York 4th 4. Westchester—Thompsonville 8 86; Tremont 1st 5 82

Pacific.—San Jose—Hollister 3 00

PHILADELPHIA. — Chester — Media 2 06. Lackawanna—Dushore 1 25; Franklin 52 cts; Orwell 3. Lehigh—Allentown 21; Stroudsburg 12 24; White Haven 10 50. Philadelphia —Philadelphia 3d, in part 40; Philadelphia 4th, add'l 5; Philadelphia 9th 16 11; Philadelphia 10th 407 50; Philadelphia, Westminster 48; Philadelphia, West Spruce St, from G S Benson Esq 50. Philadelphia, West Spruce St, from G S Benson Esq 50. Philadelphia Central—Philadelphia, Bethlehem 15 27; Philadelphia, North Broad St 63 40. Philadelphia North—Falls of Schuylkill 25; Norristown, Central 10 50; Providence 20; Pottstown 47 03; Thompson Memorial 6. Westminster—Hopewell 8 80; Pequea 12 50

PITTSBURGH.—Pittsburgh—East Liberty 10; Pittsburgh 2d 11 20; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 15 31. Redstone—Belle Vernon 29 75; Fair chance 4; Tent 10 80 26

TENNESSEE. — Holston — Jonesboro 1 31. Kingston—Baker's Creek 1; Mars Hill 2

TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—Bellefontaine 1 47; Bucyrus 98 cts; Kenton 24; West Liberty 5; cts. Maumee—Hicksville 3; Pioneer 1 70; Toledo 1st 10 Toledo, South 7; Toledo, Westminster 6; Tontogony 5; West Bethesda 4 63 71

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Buffalo 1st, special 100. Genesee—Byron 206; Corfu 10. Rochester—Clarkson 10. 12206

Wisconsin.—Milwaukee—Delafield 96 cts; Ottawa 46 cts 1 42

Total receipts from churches, \$2,598 31

MISCELLANEOUS.

Interest on Permanent Fund 900; interest on note of Alexander Guy Esq 60; Miss Van Gelder, Camden, N J 25; "C," Ohio 479; Religious Contribution Society of Princeton Theological Seminary 949 999 28

Total receipts in December, \$3,597 59

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#### BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

#### RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

Notices of Missionaries.—The arrival is reported of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott and Miss Schenck, at Teheran, Persia; of Mr. J. L. Scott, in India; of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, in Japan; of Mr. Murphy, in Africa; and of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, in Chili. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Phillips, at the suggestion of the Board, are on a visit to Merida, Yucatan, to consider the question of permanently occupying that city as a Missionary Station. We regret to learn the death of the Rev. John N. McLeod, one of the native missionaries in India. His ecclesiastical relation was with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, while as a missionary he was under the care of the Board. His death is sincerely regretted by our missionary brethren. He died on the 5th of November.

Added to the Church.—Mr. Blatchford, the native minister of the Chippewa Church at Odanah, mentions the admission of five converts to the communion during the last year; four others made application to be received, but were referred. Mr. Williamson reports the admission to the church of three adults at Yankton Agency, Dakota Mission, on 7th of December; two children were baptized. Mr. Thompson refers to the encouraging state of the churches in Yedo, Japan, and mentions the baptism by Mr. Ogawa, one of the native ministers, on the last Sabbath in November, of three adults and five children in Ushigome, Yedo, where a new church was lately organized. Mr. Bushnell speaks of the admission of four new members at Gaboon, Africa, in October. At Benita, of the same Mission, Mr. Ibia, the native minister, reports the admission of nine new members, the suspension of four of the former members, and the excommunication of four more. Mr. Hazlett mentions the admission of two new communicants in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

A PROSPERING CHURCH.—The Annual Reports of Messrs. Baird and Blatchford of the missionary work at Odanah, among the Chippewa Indians, are quite encouraging in most respects. The average attendance of day scholars for the last year was 51; of boarding scholars, 23. The number of communicants will be reported later, but it is over fifty. Three of the converts are preparing for the ministry, under the care of the Presbytery, and are making good progress; a fourth, to the great regret of all, was overcome by temptation, and had to be dropped from the list. The others, if grace is still given to them, will be of great service among their own people. Two new stations are waiting to be occupied. Mr. Baird says, "Fields are open and inviting, men and means are sorely needed. I am hurrying to equip men, and hope the means will be speedly forthcoming. Many are clearly hungering for the Word of Life. Heathenism is waning. The glorious Gospel of Christ is taking a firmer hold of many hearts. There are a few dark shadows, but there are indications of an approaching day. May it speedily come!" We may add that nearly all this good work dates only six years ago, when the Mission was recommenced.

The Outlook on the Ogowe.—The letters of Mr. Bushnell and of Miss Nassau, referring to the station lately formed by Dr. Nassau on the Ogowe River, possess much interest. Miss Nassau expected to spend some time with her brother for her health. Mr. Bushnell's visit was a brief one, but he surveyed the field with the benefit of long experience in Africa. He was much pleased with the prospects of this new station. Thus far the station proves to be one favorable to health; it is over a hundred miles from the sea. The Mpongwe language is in use, so that the educational and printing work of Gaboon will be of service on this river. Some suppose that the Ogowe may be one of the outlets of the Congo. This will be known before long; whether it is so or not, it may be one of the best ways eventually of reaching the interior.

#### RECEIPTS: MAY 1ST 1877 TO JANUARY 1ST 1878.

From churche	s. Individual donors.	Legacies	Total.
1877\$97,292	\$70,655	\$21,938	\$189,886
1876111,27	29,900	5,813	146.991

The special gift deducted, the receipts of this year were \$139,886; of last year, \$146,991. The receipts from legacies this year, it will be seen are considerably larger than the receipts from the same source last year.

Letters received to January 15th-From the Seneca Mission, January 5th; Chippewa, January 7th; Omaha, December 31st; Dakota, December 18th; Los Angeles, January 2d; San Francisco, December 17th; Oakland, December 24th; Yokohama, December 4th; Yedo, December 5th; Shanghai, November 23d; Ningpo, November 20th; Soochow, November 17th; Bangkok, November 22d; Saharunpur, November 12th; Lodiana, November 28th; Lahor, November 22d; Etawah, November 9th; Teheran, November 20th; Oroomiah, November 22d; Abeih, December 12th; Tripoli, November 20th; Gaboon, November 16th; Ogowe, October 16th; Rio de Janeiro, November 22d; Rio Claro, November 23d; Valparaiso, November 16th, San Felipe, November 25th; Merida, Yucatan, December 4th; Monterey, Mexico, December 8th.

#### A DESERVED TRIBUTE.

[Note.—The Examiner and Chronicle, of recent date, speaks as follows of a worthy veteran in the service of Foreign Missions.] Bapt. Miss Mag. Nov. 1877.

Among the missionaries who sailed for their Asiatic fields of labor, in the steamship "Ethiopia" on Saturday last, was one who for several reasons is entitled to special notice. Rev. J. D. Binney, D. D., is one of the oldest of our missionaries, having entered the service in 1843. No man has entered our missionary service at a greater personal sacrifice. He was acknowledged to be one of the ablest and most delightful preachers in our denomination. He was also a man of ripe scholarship, and of marked intellectual power. To become a foreign missionary, he resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church in Savannah, Ga., where everything that could make a pastorate desirable was available to him. But there was a work to be done for the Karen ministry of Burmah, which overweighed every other consideration and, after thoroughly acquiring the language, he organized the Karen Theological Seminary at Rangoon in 1846, and has been its moulding and controlling spirit from that time to this

Within the thirty-one years of his connection with the Seminary, not fewer than 300 Karen Christians have received the training neccessary to their becoming effective preachers or teachers; the average time of their attendance upon the instruction of the Seminary being about five years each, nearly half of which was devoted to theological studies. The whole of the instruction, both preparatory and theological, has been given to them either by Dr. Binney personally or under his supervision. We are safe in saying that no teacher ever left upon his pupils deeper marks of his own spirit than Dr. Binney has left upon the young men instructed in his Theological Seminary. He has so put himself upon their hearts and intellects, that they are everywhere known and read as men who have been trained by him. He has been more than their teacher, while in the Seminary. The books which form their theological library have

nearly all been either written or revised and translated by him. These books are, of course, few in number, but are enough to be helps of the

highest value in their ministry.

Dr. Binney is now well advanced in life, and the vigor of his noble constitution has been broken by paralysis; yet he returns to his work, earnestly desirous of living long enough, at least, to see a few more books through the press, the preparation of which has cost him much hard labor. We have no wish to over-estimate the service he has already rendered in the Karen missions, or the few remaining years of work he may be able to accomplish; but we have no hesitation in saying that no missionary ever sent by American Baptists to Burmah has left or will leave behind him, when his work is fully done, a nobler record of well-directed, wide, and enduring service. He is to be congratulated, and all the friends of missions are to be congratulated, that his admirable wife returns with him to his remaining work.

#### CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

An able lecture on the Chinese question has been published lately by J. G. Kerr, M.D., twenty-three years in Canton, but now in San Francisco, as a missionary of the Board. His views are impressive and timely. We hope this pamphlet may gain the attention of our rulers, who are urged to enter on unwise legislation,

On one point we quote Dr. Kerr's statements, which we think are cor-

rect, as to the probable extent of Chinese immigration.

In reference to emigration to California it is said by some:—"We have enough for the present, and would like to shut the floodgates before the coast is deluged with heathenism. If China should send one-fifth o one per cent., or one man in every five hundred of her population, the Chinamen would outnumber all the rest of the inhabitants of this coast, and would control its destiny."

The estimate of one of every five hundred would bring four hundred thousand. It is a sufficient answer to this to say that, after twenty-five or more years of unrestricted emigration, we find only about one hundred thousand Chinese in the country. The probabilities are that this number will not increase rapidly, because the source of supply is a limited district of the province of Canton, viz., the counties of San-hwui, Sanning, Hoi-ping, and Yan ping, which supply the great majority of emigrants, not only to California, but to Australia, while some other counties send a small number. China is divided into eighteen provinces, and only three of these have ever sent emigrants to any country over the sea, and the great central area of the Empire was so depopulated by the great Tae-ping Rebellion that many years will pass before it is again filled up and restored to its former prosperity.

The city of Shanghai is the great commercial emporium of China, situated near the mouth of the Yang-tsz river, and is in direct communication with all the interior provinces as well as the coast provinces north and south. During a period of ten years, there has been a line of steamers between that port and San Francisco, running most of the time twice a month, and yet not a single emigrant for California has

ever sailed from that port.

#### ITEMS RECTIFIED.

TREATIES WITH THE INDIANS, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate, are no longer made, as a rule, if at all. The danger now is, that treaties formerly made will not be kept in good faith. Another danger is, not that of implying too much sovereignty on the part of the Indians, but that of not conceding to them rights common to all men.

Paying for Printing missionary intelligence in the newspapers. Missionary Boards are sometimes recommended to do so, and the example of English Societies is quoted for it. We believe that it is not unusual to insert as advertisements appeals for local and special objects of benevolence; but the regular missionary intelligence of the Foreign Missionary Societies is given by each in its own publications. It is not likely that all the principal Societies and Boards would keep up such publications, unless for weighty reasons, but we need not enter on the subject.

MISSIONARY FURLOUGHS. One writer refers to English Missionary Societies as allowing their missionaries to return home every five or seven years. But out of twenty Missionary Societies, European and American, only one specifies this short period—an English Society which we believe encourages its missionaries to go out at first unmarried. Most of the Societies mention periods of ten or twelve years or more, before a return should be asked for, except in cases of health, or other providential reasons. Some Societies have no rule on the subject, dealing with each case as it occurs. As to the merits of the subject, we believe that missionaries do not wish to leave their work, except for reasons of urgent force, such as are covered by the rule of our Board. In many cases, if not in all, no reasons of health, nor the education of children, call for this leave of absence after such short periods. A large expense attends these returns; and a serious loss of service in the urgent work abroad, that has but few laborers, a loss not compensated for by any work at home, unless clearly ordered by Providence.

REDUCING SALARIES of Missionaries while raising salaries of officials at home. This insinuation has appeared in print; but so far as we know it is unwarranted. No reduction abroad has ever been made by the Board. Increased salaries have often been sanctioned, while at the same time salaries at home remained without change. In both cases the principle has properly been kept in view, which is contained in our Form of Church Government, Chapter XV. Section 6, about being "free from worldly cares and avocations."

Women's Board of Auxiliaries.—No change has taken place in the relation of the Women's Societies to the Board. The Annual Report of 1871, page 4, described the case. Sometimes in the haste of speaking or of writing, the idea of independent action on their part may be unintentionally expressed, but it is without cause. We have reason to know that our friends much prefer this auxiliary relationship to any other; and we may add that it does not seem to be gracious work to lessen their efforts in giving the gospel to the heathen.

#### TRAINING OF NATIVE MISSIONARIES.

The article given below is certainly a striking example of what one man can sometimes do in a noble life; and also of the training that may best suit native missionaries in certain fields of labor. As to this training. it sets before us one method, out of several. Another way is that of Rome, which is sometimes held up for our imitation,—that of taking young men from all parts of the world to a school in the Roman capital, there to be trained, and then sent back as missionaries. This method may suit an intensely ritualistic church, in which the training is largely in the practise of outward observances. Its results do not satisfy our views of what is best. Nor is it expedient often, if at all, to bring native converts to a Christian country for their further education. They are likely to become Americanized or Europeanized, at least so far as to make it difficult for their own churches to support them. We need not refer to other object-Another plan is to reproduce substantially our American Theological Seminary system. Other plans still might be mentioned. The character and circumstances of each people need to be well considered and also the knowledge of the nation and their language, by the missionaries, as well as other gifts for such service. We suppose that the method adopted by our Saviour in the training of the Apostles, furnishes a model. The varied, every-day practical lessons, and the personal acquaintance and sympathy, are invaluable elements of success-admitting of a sufficient degree of system, requiring industry and a steady purpose, and then yielding happy results.

#### LEAVING HIS STATION AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

One of the most useful and beloved of our missionaries in India, is the Rev. Adolph Rudolph. He was appointed in that country in 1846, where he had previously spent some time as a teacher. When he wrote from Bombay, November 30th, he was returning to Germany, his native country, with his excellent wife, with the full sympathy of his brethren in the mission and of the Board. It is hoped that an extended visit there may enable them to go back to the old station, to end their days in the service which they justly regard as blessed work for our Saviour.

"I write a few lines from this place to let you know that we are on our way to Europe. Much that seemed difficult at first is now past. To take leave from dear old Lodiana, a station with which I had been connected for upwards of thirty years, and from the mission famili s, with whom we have had such pleasant intercourse, was not an easy matter; but to tear ourselves from the native Christians, who clung to us with filial affection, was still more difficult. To be connected with the same station for so many years may have its disadvantages, but it is a privilege notwithstanding which I always valued highly.

"My health, which was very feeble during the summer in Kassowlie, began to improve a little towards autumn, and this enabled us to leave the hills in the middle of October, and to return to Lodiana to enter upon our preparations for the journey and voyage. But this proved very nearly too much for me, so that when we left Lodiana, on the 17th of

November, we were able to proceed in short stages only, and had to break the journey frequently. But the Lord gave strength again to bear the fatigues of the long way, and He brought us safely to this place where we have had now five days of rest. To-morrow morning we are to leave the harbor by a steamer of the Rubattino Line, the "Australia" for Neapolis, which we may reach in about three weeks. The vessel is well spoken of and so is the captain. The cabins contain three berths generally, and that makes it necessary for husband and wife to be separated, but on telling the agent how difficult this would be in our feeble state of health, when we depend on each other's assistance, he gave us a cabin to ourselves, without extra charges for the third berth. This we regard as a great boon.

. . . "I feel very thankful to the Board for allowing me the furlough, for the state of my health is now such that I could not possibly be of any use in the mission. Almost as soon as I reached Lodiana the old hacking cough that troubled me last winter in the plains, set in, and is now harrassing me a good deal. Had I stayed at Lodiana I could not have used my voice for preaching at all.

"There is no change for the better in Mrs. Rudolph's state of health. Her only chance, I fear, is a cold climate. However I leave all future considerations to the future. The Lord that has guided us these many

years will not torsake us now that we are old.

"Mrs. Rudolph unites with me in kindest Christian regards.

"Yours sincerely and affectionately, A. RUDOLPH.

#### NOTICES OF THE DAKOTA MISSION.

We take some extracts from a letter of the Rev. John P. Williamson, dated at the Yankton Agency, December 18, 1877.

"In these she will be missed."

I thank you for the kind and sympathizing words in regard to my sister. We are sure she has gained so much in the change that we cannot be sorry on her account. She had tasted little of the pleasures of this life, being a sufferer from infancy, but she knew well the joy of a Christian heart. As I said to my brother and sister, "The Lord took the ripe fruit, and left us here in mercy, to be mellowed by the storms of life."

Last Sabbath week I baptized an Indian woman and her two children, who became interested through her efforts so "her works do follow her." "Though she did a good work in taking charge of the little girls in the day-school, I think she accomplished most in visiting from house to house, and reading the Scriptures, and in the Female prayer-meeting. Largely through her efforts, a Sewing Circle was started, which, last year, raised \$50 for benevolent objects. In these she will be missed, but the work is so advanced now, and the Indian women so interested and trained that they will carry it on to a good extent themselves. But we shall still need missionary teachers and workers.

The Little Church on the Hill.—New Members Received.

as it is on a high hill. It is 18x20 feet, with a vestibule 6x9 feet. It is built of pine lumber, has stone foundation, a small belfry (no bell) a brick chimney, painted inside and out, is seated with good seats, and has a lightning rod, costing altogether \$700; besides my labor, and that of some Indians. Of this sum my father gave \$200; Classon Ave. Pres.

Church gave \$100; Pres. Board Foreign Missions \$100. The other \$200 was nearly all given by Indians, and most of it by the Church here. On the last Sabbath of December, a committee of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. A. Ehnamani, Elder Magaadide, and myself, will meet by appointment at this house, and if the way is open, will proceed to organize a church.

Our church (at Yankton Agency) had the joy of receiving three new members at the communion season, a week ago last Sabbath. One woman I have already referred to. The others were a man named Zuyesa and his wife. He is a man about thirty-five. I have known him for years. A former wife died some two or three years since, after a long sickness. I never saw any one use more kindness and gentleness than he did towards her. After she was unable to walk, he brought her to see us, lifting her out and in the carriage like a child. I was hopeful of him after that, and though I cannot say there were any unusual profesions on joining, I have more than usual hope that he will make a faithful loving Christian.

#### MISSIONARY WORK IN BANGKOK, SIAM.

The Rev. Eugene P. Dunlap, under date of November 8th, 1877, gives an interesting account of work for Christ in this city—one of the largest cities of the East. He evidently has good reason for writing with gratitude and hope concerning the work in which he and his wife are engaged.

"The past year of our mission has been one rich with blessings from God, and we closed it with interesting meetings of both Presbytery and Mission. Those who make the reports will tell you of the work in general. Permit me in this letter to tell you something of my work for the past year. Besides being Treasurer of the mission (which takes considerable of one's time,) I have also superintended the Boys' Boarding and Day-school, which at present numbers forty boys—thirty-five has been the average of attendance during the year. The boys have been taught in the Siamese and English, in composition, grammar, history, geography, arithmetic and reading. Each boy in the school has been required to study the Bible, and those who read it in English translate it into Siamese. Each boy also recites a verse of Scripture after morning prayers. All of them attend church, Sabbath-school, morning prayers, and the Thursday evening prayer-meeting held in our house. The boys have been quite regular in attendance and have made very fair progress in their studies. About one-third of them are day-scholars; children of people living near the school. A number of them are children of the real nobility of Siam—I mean of the native Christians. The remainder of the boys are boarders; two-thirds of whom are pay-scholars. This fact I take as an indication that the interest of the Siamese in education is increasing. I am very often questioned as to plans of schools in America, the rates of tuition, etc. The parents of some of the boys in this school have told me that they desire to send their boys to America, as soon as I may think it best for them to go. I believe, that if we had a suitable building, we could have one hundred instead of forty boys. In fact, if we had the means and help, we might have mission schools filled with children, in every quarter of this city. Why not lay hold of this work now opening up before me, and bring to bear the grand doctrines of the Gospel, in the education of the Siamese?

"This school has been a good agency in our work. I doubt if one of

all the boys who have gone out from it is an idolater. A large majority of them believe in the truth and superiority of Christianity-a number of them are Christians. One is preaching the gospel, another is preparing to preach it. Yearly it brings many under the influence of Gospel teaching, and they often carry the good news to others. This school has a claim on the prayers and funds of the good people at home, which I hope the Board may present to them. The building is too small for the present number of scholars; how can we increase? Five and six boys sleep and study in a room 10 x 10 feet. These are some of the reasons which prompted the mission to ask the Board for funds for the building of a new school-house. The old one has been in use for fifteen years, was built of boards and light timbers, and now looks rather dilapidated. I pray that the money asked for may be granted; \$3,000 will not be too much for a new building, even if we can use some of the material of the old one. Building material is high; lumber sixty and sixty-five cents per cubic foot, and when we take into consideration the fact that the laborers are unskilled and lazy, wages are high too.

"The distribution of our publications has been another branch of my work, for the past year. In order to carry on this work, I have spent as many days as health would permit, in going up and down the river and through the various canals of Bangkok, visiting the people and priests of the temples. Through visiting and revisiting I have formed an acquaintance with many families, have given them the gospels and tracts, and urged them to trust in Jesus. In all of these families I have been kindly received, and hope by the help of God to lead some of them to Christ.

"Mrs. Dunlap has also been trying to do some good. Early in the year, she organized a school, for the benefit of the little children of our church members. This school now numbers eleven children. They are taught to read Siamese, commit Bible verses and the catechism, sing hymns, sew, etc. Mrs. Dunlap has for an assistant, a graduate of the Girls' school, Bangkok. One of the best features of this school is, that it is self-sus-

taining. It is held in one of the rooms of our house.

"I have also undertaken to translate a book, intended for the beginning of a Sabbath-school library for our Sabbath-schools. It is not quite finished. Owing to the state of my health, I have not been able to do the work or make that progress in the study of the language expected of a man who has been here two years. In fact, my physician has said to me, quite often, you must drop work for a time. I did not see how I could do it. So few laborers and so much to do. The mission has granted me permission to 'take it easy' for a time, and I expect to improve during the cool season. And for a change I expect to take a tour upon the Bang-pa-Kong river. Will distribute books and try to tell the 'Good news' to the people. Please pray for me. May God bless you and the Board in your good work."

#### THE GOOD INFLUENCE OF A RETURNED MISSIONARY.

We insert here a paragraph from a letter concerning one of our missionary ladies, who has lately returned to her station, after a visit of a few months to this country for her health. This letter was written by the wife of one of our respected ministers. It brings to view one of the best means of awakening interest in the cause of missions. Let our Christian people understand what this cause really is.

While here, Miss J. has visited a great many Societies and Boards: attended and spoken in social and parlor meetings, raised money for printing leaflets and hymns, and for scholarships, &c; and I have been surprised at the interest her simple story has excited. I have seen notes from different ladies, some of prominence in their churches, who have ascribed to her visits their first interest in Foreign Missions. In our own church, her first going out did not arouse one-half the interest, that her coming home, and especially her return to Africa, has done. I think I may safely say that there is a tender feeling and a quickened sympathy for the cause of Foreign Missions that has never been known before. I do not pretend to account for this; it has astonished me, but it is true. As one instance, a family of intelligence in our church, who have always stood coldly aloof from any share in this work, were entirely converted in this regard, by a visit from Miss J., when the children were gathered in and she talked for two or three hours about the people and work in Africa. Said the wife, afterward with tears in her eyes, "I never understood missionary work before! The reason people are not interested, is, because they do not understand; hereafter I never want anything to be done in this church for the cause of Foreign Missions without my having a share in it." And she proved her faith by her works, on the spot.

#### RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN DECEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—Albany—1st ch Albany 222; State St ch Sab-sch, Albany, sp 203 71: Joinstown ch 200; New Scotland ch 24; Galway ch 9 25. Troy—Brunswick ch 20; Sand Lake ch 11 54

Baltimore.—Baltimore—2d ch Baltimore, John Cross Moore, sp 120; Ellicott City ch, Patapsco Sab-sch, sp 50. New Castle—Forest ch, Middletown 38, Sab-sch 25 36-63 36; St George's ch 17; White Clay Creek ch 16 28; Princess Anne ch Sab-sch, sp 14 96; Olivet ch, Wilmington 2. Washington City—Hyattsville ch 5 28, 60

CENTRAL NEWYORK.—Binghamton—1st ch Binghamton 121 78; Waverley ch 10. Syracuse—Skaneateles ch 100; Manlius, Trinity ch 9 52. Utica—1st ch Rome 54 90 296 20

CINCINNATI. — Dayton — Clifton ch, Mrs Hannah M Johnson 5000; Memorial ch, Dayton, "A E" Sab-sch Miss'y Soc'y 30 5,030 00

CLEVELAND.— Cleveland—1st ch Sab-sch Cleveland, sp 100; Collamer Union ch 49 19; Ashtabula ch 33 91; Rome ch 3 70; Rev A M Chapin 5. Mahoning—1st ch Youngstown 40 66; Warren ch 22 20. St Clairsville—Concord ch 34 80, Sab-sch 44 20=79; New Athens ch 27 60; Wheeling Valley ch 14 80, Sab-sch 6 15=20 96; Beulah ch 5; Portland ch 2 60. Steubenville—Yellow Creck ch, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y 50; Wellsville Sab-sch 21; Two Ridges Sab-sch 8 03

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Colorado. — Montana — Helena ch 34 50; Bozman ch 10 44 50

Columbus.—Wooster—Shelby Sab.sch 6. Zanesville—Jefferson ch, Rev W D Wallace 5

ERIE.-Allegheny-School St ch, Allegheny

24 50; 2d ch, Allegheny 14. Butler—Centre ch 6 31. Clarion—Brookville ch Sab sch 20. Kittanning—Boiling Springs ch 11. Shenango —Sharpsville ch 5 33

GENEVA.—Cayuga—Meridian ch 25. Chemung—Horse Heads ch 20. Geneva—Bellona Sab-sch, sp 40; Seneca ch 39 75: Ovid ch, Ladies' Mission Soc'y, sp 36; 1st ch Geneva 12 84. Lyons—Huron ch 12 30; Ontario ch 3 70

HARRISBURGH.—Carlisle—Big Spring ch 154 50; Waynesboro ch 26 12. Huntingdon—Altoona ch, Woman's Foreign Miss'y Soe'y, sp 25; Saxton ch 5; Phillipsburgh ch 1; Morrisdale Mines ch 30 cts. Northumberland—1st ch Bloomsburgh 157 45: 2d ch Williamsport 34 20. Wellsboro—Elkland and Osecola ch 6

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Bloomington—2d ch Sab-sch Bloomington 20; El Paso ch 12. Peoria—1st ch Peoria 100. Springheld— Petersburgh ch Sab-sch, sp 30; 2d ch Springfield 11 44

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—2d ch Chicago 185 63; Fullerton Ave ch 60 75; 6th ch Chicago 49 77; Bloom ch 10; 1st Ger ch Sab-sch 1, Freeport—2d ch Sab-sch Freeport 10; Elizabeth ch, mon con 3 20. Rock Kiver—Millersburgh ch Sab-sch 6 40; Fulton ch 3 50 330 25

ILLINOIS, SOUTH. — Alton—1st ch Sparta 117 25; Virden ch 12 02. Mattoon — West Okaw ch 7, Sab-sch 2 25—9 25 138 52

INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Rob Roy ch 14; Lexington ch 12 90; Rockfield ch 4 50; Rock Creek ch 3 10; Rockville ch 2: Lemanon ch, Foreign Miss Mite box 1 45; Hopewell ch, John Williams 1. Fort Wayne —1st ch Sab-sch Fort Wayne, sp 50. Logansport—P1 mou.h ch 2 81. Muncie—Wabash ch 10 78; Anderson ch 4

INDIANA, SOUTH.—Indianapolis—Shiloh ch 3. New Albany—Lexington ch 3, Vincennes—Bethan, ch 13; 2d ch Terre Haute 9 40. White Water—Cambridge City ch 6 34 40

IOWA, NORTH.—Cedar Rapids—Clinton ch 30 40; Mechanicsville Sab-sch, sp 20. Dubuque —Independence ch lo. Fort Dodge—Sioux City ch, sp 10. Waterloo—Grundy County Ger ch 10

IOWA, SOUTH.—Des Moines—1st ch Sab-sch Newton 16 12. Iowa—Kossuth ch 11 06. Iowa City—Martinsburgh ch 11; Crawfordsvine Sab-sch 2 40 18

KANSAS.—Topeka—Clinton ch, a Thank-offering 1 00

KENTUCKY.—Ebenezer—Parisch 5 90; Ludlow ch 3 50. Lourspulle—Prum Creek ch 5 Transytvania—Lebanon ch, Ladies' Miss'y Soc y 25 39 40

Long Island.—Brooklyn—Westminster ch 291 os; Tabernacie ch 132 os; Islach Brooklyn 176; Chry Park Sab sch, sp 100; Frankin Aye ch Sao-sch, axiss'y Soe'; sp 25; South 30 Steh, Williamsburgh 21 os; Islach Eugewater 7 47. Long Island—Southold ch 25; Fort.Jefferson ch 4 od. Nassau—Freeport ch 14 of 2007 58

Michigan.—Detroit— Fort St ch Detroit, (of which 29 34 mon con, 214 34; Ann Arbor ch 52 39. Lansing—Arbon ch 18 94; 1st ch Marshail, Mis M. L. Heydenburke 10; 1st h Parma 5 91. Monroe—Adrain ch 29 75; Coldwater ch 12; Anonroe ch, 85 5. Saginaw—1st ch rint 60 35; 1t ch Saginaw City 31 70; Bay City ch 28 37; Emerson ch 18 466 71

Minnesota.— Mankato — Westminster ch, Worthington, a member's "tenth" 5. St Paul —House of hope ch 38 20; 1st ch St Paul 38 10. Winona—Oronoco ch 3 84 30

Missouri.—Ozark—Bethel ch 3. Palmyra—Canton ch 2 50, Miss Bette McCarate 1= 3 50. St Louis—woman's Board of Missions in South-Wess 100 62; Bethel Ger ch, a member 6, Sab-sch 15=21

NEBRASKA.—Kearney—Beaver City ch 4; Furnas ch 4; meirose ch 2 10 00

NEW JERSEY .- Elizabeth-Westminster ch. NEW JERSEY,—Elizabeth—Westminster ch, add'l 120; 2u ch Sab-sch Planneid, sp 50; 3d ch Sab-sch Elizabeth 37 50; Ulinton ch 21 54; Koselle ch 8 51, Sab-sch 9 35=17 86; 1st Ger ch Elizabeth 3. Jersey City—1st ch Kutherford Fark 14 20; Broadway Ger ch, Paterson, Ladies' Mission Soo'y 1 01. Mormouth—2d ch Cranbury 42 08; Farmingdale ch 15; Cream Kinge ch 12; Plumstead ch 8; Bricksburgh ch, mon con 7 96; Manchester c.. 2 78, Geille Philip's mission box 2=4 78. Morris and Orange-1st on Last Orange 119 85; Brick ch Sab-sch Orange, sp 100; Dover ch 50; 2a ch Orange, mon con 49 55; South Orang ch, add 125; Madison ch 24 76; 2d ch Mendham 2 83. Newark-High St ch 408 20; 3a ch Newark 131 55; Rosevine ch 100; 2a ch Newark 60 21; South Park ch, mon con 28 41; Park New Brunswick-Duten Neck ch, ch 50 99. mon con 12 90, S S O N 11 20, D N 9 23, Euenburgn 4 11, rass S S 4 50, Annie Groom 8=30; Prospect S. cn, Trenton 28; 2a cn Trenton 26 42; Kingwood en 5. Newton-Ist ch Belvidere so 74, 1st ch Oxford 25 25. West Jersey
-Prassgrove en 51, 5ab-sch 2 64-53 64; 2d en Bringecon 42; 1st ch Sab-sch Cenarville 24 1,889 57

New York.—Boston—Beech St ch 50. Hudson—Goodwill en 28 80; Scotchown ch 12 10; 2d ch independent 10 33; Centreville ch 6; Ringebury en 1 25. New York—Scotch ch, Robert catter and Blos 500; 5th Ave ch, Dr C r ... agnew, sp 300; Brick ch, Dr W N Blakeman 100; sh ave ech 83 61; 1st ch New York 50; 1st h Sven Sabsech, sp 50; Brick ch Chapel

15 10; Sea and Land ch 5 63: Washington Heights ch 7 37. North River—Poughkeepsie ch 37 50; 1st ch Kingston 6 81, Sab-sch 18 19 = 25: Calvary ch. Newburgh 15 79. Westchester —1st ch Youkers 6 86 1,305 40

Philaddelphia.—Chester—Media ch 11 10.
Lackawanna—Honesdale ch 476 58, Sab sch, sp 50=526 58; Washburne St ch, Hyde Park 14; Montrose Sab-sch, M s Miller's Class, sp 11 06; Frankin ch 2 78. Lehigh—Allentown ch 115; Allen Township ch 10, Sab-sch 10=20; Mountain ch 6; Shawnee ch 4 75, Sab-sch 125=6. Philadelphia—West Spruce St ch 759 62, G S benson, Esq 100=859 62; South St ch, Youth's Mission Soc'y 15 25; 4th ch 10.
Philadelphia Central—Northminster ch 65 21; Cohocksink ch Sab-sch 60; Be-hiehem ch 45 80; Alexander ch 5 bsch Class No 8 25.
Philadelphia North—Market Sq ch, Germanown 69 45; 1st ch Pottsiown 50, Sab-sch 4 21 t 54 21. Westminster—Union ch Sab-sch 8 64

PITTSBURGH. — Pittsburgh—6th ch Pittsburgh 160; 2d ch Pittsburgh 59 19; Shady Side ch 38 27; East Liberty ch 33; Canonsburgh ch, Woman's Miss'y Soc'y 30; Chartiers ch 15 44 Redstone—Rehobo'n ch 40 50; Laurel Hill Sab-sch 550; Woodwale Sab-sch 4 50. Washington—Cross Creek ch 55; Pigeon Creek ch 53 10; 2d ch Wheeling 24 02, hirs J Reid 10-34 02; Fairview ch 21 6: Beech Glen Sab-sch 30; Claysvirle ch, Dr 1ng lis 10; Mt Pleasan ch 10

TENNESSEE.—Holston—Jonesboro ch 7 03. Kingston—Madisonville ch 5 12 03

Toledo. — Bellefontaine — 1st ch Bellefontaine 7 88; Bucyrus ch 5 30; West Liberty ch 3 01. Lima—Delphos Sab-sch 85 cts. Maumee—Defiance ch 18, Sab-sch 1 50—17 50 34 54

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—La Fayette st ch, Buffalo, E Sterling, Esq 100; Northe ch Sab-sch 82 32; 1st ch Westfield, Mrs L M Sherman 5. Genesee—Byron ch 11 10. Niagara—Lyndonville ch 15 50; Porter ch 15. Rochester—Central ch Rochester 71; Livonia ch 45; Clarkson ch 20 364 92

Wisconsin.—Milwaukee—1st ch Racine 56; Delavan ch 55; Delafield ch 5 19; Ottawa ch 2 50. Wisconsin River—Belleville ch 2 85; Layton ch 2 55

Woman's Foreign Miss'y Soc'y, Philadelphia 4,789 20; Woman's Foreign Miss'y Soc'y, Albany branch 954 25; Woman's Ed of Missions, North-west 563 02

Total amount received from churches in December 1877, \$20,503 59

LEGACIES. — Legacy of Lucius Hopkins, dec'd, N Y City 5,000; Estate of Martha Jane Moore, dec'd, Plannield, N J 3,175; Legacy of Mrs A Vandyke, dec'd, 1 ast Canton, Pa 154; Paterson's Estate, Pittsburgh, Pa, Semiannuar int 130 70 8,459 70

Miscellaneous.—A friend of "Foreign Missions" 11,000; A friend 10; S D Cochran, Addurn, Ky 5; I J N Y 10; A Foreign Missionary Thank-offering 60; Soc y of Inquiry, Umon Theological Semmary, N Y 11; Mary D W hite 2; The Misses Van Gelder, Camden, N J 25; "Cash," Newtown, Pa 100; A friend 5; Kev E L Warren, Louisville, Ky 2; Rev J W Alten, St Louis 5; Sherman Spencer, St Louis 3; Wm Hays, Fairbury, Iti 110; A friend 10; "—" for China and Japan 1,600; "C, Onio 25 90; A friend 50; Rengious Cortributing See's, Princeton Sem'y 51 05; C T Huiddird, Brasher Falls 10; Mis Rev D D Smock, Keola, 10wa 1 50; Manuel Gomer, Springfleid, Ins 12; Geo G Williams, N Y 50; M K K, Sp, 1; Wesley Young, Vinton, Iowa, Sp 1; Alts a Beh, Sp, Fort Dodge, Iowa 1; Little Mary E Bechoul, Ohio, Sp 1 17; Kev S 1 Traoj, Springfleid, N Y 30; friend, Sp 1; Mis a O Hura 1; M.SS A Hurd Inl 2; Francis L Goodrich, New Haven 25; A friend 5; Rev

Milton W Brown, Mt Eaton, Ohio 5; "F B," Cincinnati, Ohio 20; "Tithes," sp 5; Mrs C B Chamberlain 10; M Stewart, Esq. Titusville, Pa500: Rev J Clark, D D 100; Mary Coe 2; "Cash" 5; "S" 20; Miss C M Linnard, Phila 10. Henry Eckert, Emsworth, Pa 50

13,353 62

Total Receipts in December, 1877, \$42,316 91
Total Rec'd from May 1st, 1877, \$189,886 29
Total receipts from Sabbath-schools in
December, 1877, 1,484 35

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#### BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

#### FOR THE FREEDMEN.

It is the peculiarity of the work of the Board of Publication, that it comes in as an efficient helper of all other good enterprises. The printed page—in its various forms, book, tract, paper, leaflet, is everywhere needed. Witness in illustration, the following letter from a devoted laborer for the Freedmen in Virginia.

The package of books and papers you sent me for use among the Freedmen has been received in good order. Please accept my sincere thanks for them. They have been needed for a long time; but knowing that your missionary fund was so low, I hesitated to ask for them, though you have always kindly and promptly sent me what I have asked for.

These books and papers will be a great help to us in our work, though there are not half as many as are really needed, for we have four Sabbath Schools with about two hundred scholars. When I came here ten years ago, I organized the first school for Freedmen in the county. So far as I know, there were not six of the emancipated slaves who could read. Now there are hundreds who can, and I rejoice to think that their first lessons in the A. B. C. were learned out of the book of our Presbyterian Board of Publication, which you sent me.

We have now four churches fully organized with elders and deacons, and four good houses of worship, free from debt, and valued at \$3,200. There have been enrolled 545 members. Adults baptised 374, and infants baptised 82.

If our good people at the North could see the work already done, as we do who have been in it—and how much is yet to be accomplished. If they understood the deep poverty of this people, and could witness their struggles to rise, they would be encouraged, as we are, and go on and faint not, they in giving, and we in doing. The work reaches forth and takes hold on eternity. I sincerely hope and pray that you may be generously sustained and enabled to enlarge your influence.

#### ONE OF MANY.

"The more I think of the work of the Board of Publication, the more it grows upon me as vital and commanding. I can but feel that, if seen in its breadth and needs, Publication would rank second to no other cause in our church. The printed page! I feel concerning it as the Chinese and Mexicans do of all that comes into their hands, that it is not only sacred, but that there is a divinity in it. God bless the work!"

#### RECEIPTS FOR MISSION WORK OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION IN DEC. 1877.

Synods in SMALL CAPITALS-Presbyteries in italics-Churches in Roman.

Albany.—Albany—Albany 1st 28. Troy—Hoosic Falls 11 39 00

Baltimore.—Baltimore—Bel Air 1; Fallston 1. Washington City—Wushington, 15th St 25

UENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton—Binghamton 1st 16 24. Syracuse—Jordan 2.76; 2. anlius, Trinity 1 20. Utica—Camden 4; Sauqoit 4 39; Waterville 8 56 37 15

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland—Ashtabula 646; Rcme 46 cts. Mahoning—Warren 280 972

COLUMBUS.—Columbus—Lancaster 6; London 1st ch Sab-sch 10. Wooster—Apple Creek 3 10; Berlin 5 24 10

ERIE.—Butler—Centre 79 cts; Portersville 4. Shenango—Sharpsville 4 51 9 30

HARRISBURGH.—Carlisle—Dauphin 7; Mc-Connellsburgh 6 97; Waynesboro 3 30. Hunt-ingdon—Altoona 2d 34 55. Northumberland—Rohrsburgh 5; Williamsport 2d 5 53 62 35

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Freeport—Willow Creek 15 32. Rock River—Fulton 1; Perryton 1 17 32

ILLINOIS, SOUTH. — Alton — Alton 16 15: Plum Creek 5 85; Virden 1 14. Mattoon— Prairie Bird 2; Tower Hill 2 27 14

INDIANA, NORTH.—Logansport—Plymouth 35 cts. Muncie—Wabash 1 17 1 52

INDIANA, SOUTH.—Vincennes—Terre Haute 2d 6 05. White Water—Hagerstown 1 70 7 75

IOWA, NORTH.—Cedar Rapids—Cedar Rapids 1st 27 95. Fort Dodge—Paton 2. Water-loo—Grundy Centre Ger 4 33 95

Iowa, South.—Council Bluffs—Lenox 126. Iowa—Kossuth 1st 1 39; St Peter's, Evangelical 6 8 65

KENTUCKY.—Ebenezer—Paris 1 35. Louisville—Ladies of the Tabernacle ch, Louisville 250 251 35

Long Island.—Brooklyn—Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave ch Sab-sch 50. Nassau—Jamaica 14 60 64 60

MICHIGAN.—Detroit—Detroit, Fort St 23 33; Detroit, Jefferson Ave 25. Monroe—Adrian 14 90: Coldwater 10 Saginaw—Bay City 5 37; Vassar ch Sab-sch 1 50 80 10

MINN SOTA. - Mankato - Winnebago City

MISSOURI.—Ozark—Springfield 1st ch Sabsch 25 00

NEW JERSEY.—Elizabeth—Clinton 1st 2 72; Roselle 1st (Sab-sch 1 18 2 25. Monmouth— Dayton 2; Manchester 12. Morris and Orange—East Orange 2 58; Madison 3 12. Newark—East Orange 2 58; Madison 3 12. Newark 2d 16 44; Newark Park 4 67. New Brunswick—Anwell, United 1st 2. Newton—Belvidere 1st 23 57. West Jersey—Tuckahoe 1

New York.—Hudson—Goodwill 3 66; Midctown 2d 1 30; Ridgebury 20 cts; Scotchtown 1 .2. New York—New York, Ch of the Sea and Land 71 cts. Westchester—Dobbs Ferry 30 48 37 87

PACIFIC.—San Jose—Hollister 10 00
PHILADELPHIA.—Chester — Media 1 40.
Lackawanna—Dushore 15; Franklin 35 cts.
Lehigh—Allentown 14. Philadelphia—Philadelphia, Chambers ch (of which Mrs E M H
10) 60; Phila, Clinton st ch, from Miss K M
Linnard 10; Phila, South 20; Phila, West
Spruce St ch, from G S Benson, Esq, add'l
50. Philadelphia Central—Philadelphia, N
Broad St ch, add'l 30. Philadelphia North—
Doylestown and Deep Run 18 20; Manayunk
5; Norristown Central 8. Westminster—Donegal 10; Slateville 6 40

PITTSBURGH.—Pittsburgh—East Liberty 7; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 7 65 14 65

TENNESSEE. — Holston — Jonesboro 89 cts. Kingston—Mars Hill 1 1 89

Toledo. — Bellefontaine — Bellefontaine 99 cts; Bucyrus 67 cts; West Liberty 39 cts 2 05 Western New York. — Genesee—Byron

1 40 Rochester—Clarkson 10 11 40 Wisconsin.—Milwaukee—Delafield 65 cts; Ottawa 32 cts 0 97

From churches, \$1,130 18

MISCELLANEOUS.—"A man and wife," int on a bond 40; "C," Ohio 3 28; Perryville Sabsch, Md 5; Rev D McKercher, Canada 30 cts; Grace Mission, Phila 22 25; Dr H A Boardman 5; Relig Contrib Soc'y of Princeton Theo Sem'y 6 44; Miss Donaldson, Phila 8; Roaring Branch, Pa, from Mrs Magill 50 cts and Mrs Valentine 25 cts 91 02

Total receipts in December, \$1.221 20

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#### BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

#### CHURCH DEBTS.

For the last few months a vigorous and successful effort has been made in many of our cities and larger towns, to throw off the incubus of church debt under which they have suffered for years. In some instances these debts have exceeded \$150,000. Surely the relief from such burdens must cause joy and gladness of heart. In the joy of such we can heartily participate, yet there is a sequence to this not so pleasant. The gigantic effort of these churches and their friends who have aided them, have proved exhaustive, and, for the present at least, cut off the streams that used to flow into the Treasuries of the Boards of the church, and perhaps no one of them feels this so much as the Board of Church Erection. In most instances, these liberal pledges have been for church buildings, and the man who has given his hundreds or thousands to pay for his own church may not be able, and is not likely to feel disposed to give more for Church building, at least for this year. Thus it will readily be seen, that the Board of Church Erection is for the time being the loser, and that, to a large extent, as some of these churches and individual members have been our most liberal supporters. Will not those churches that have not been thus heavily taxed for church debts make up this deficiency, by their increased liberality, so that our work may not suffer loss? For "if one member suffers, all must suffer with it." Would that the painful experience through which some of our churches are passing (if indeed they get through) might prove an effective warning to many others that are hastening to run into the very same vortex, by laying plans for costly buildings, far beyond their means, in the hope of large amount of aid from the Board of Church Erection, or, if in this they fail, finding fault with its administration. It is a pleasant relief to turn from these cases to such as the following: "Thanks to the good Board of Church Erection, and above all, thanks to the Great Head of the Church, our neat and comfortable sanctuary is completed and paid for. We have dedicated it to the Lord, and no man can sav that he has any lien upon it. It cost \$2500 and will accommodate 275 worshippers. It was proposed at first to build at a cost of \$3500, with a tower and spire 125 feet high and with Gothic windows, expecting to get from the Board \$900, and by sending an agent to the East, raise about \$1000 more. But the good sense of some of our people prevailed. We determined to dispense with the steeple, some other ornamental parts, and not to send abroad to beg. And now with \$600 from your Board, we have paid the last cent of debt, and feel proud that we "owe no man anything, but to love one another." Our house is neat and comfortable, though not gaudy. It proves to be attractive, for it is well filled almost every Sabbath. People are not afraid of being dunned for money to pay a church debt. would not exchange our dear sanctuary home, humble as it is, for any in your city." Happy church! May not some of our debt-ridden churchesdaily expecting the execution of the sheriff, envy them in their happy contentment.

Another brother in Colorado writes thus: "Our Church building has been dedicated, free of debt. Of course this was an occasion of great rejoicing and I trust the beginning of brighter and better days. It was my purpose from the beginning, to build only as we were able to pay for it, with the aid

of the Board. The Church pleases us just as well as if it had cost twice as much—it is in fact, in keeping with the people, and this is all that is ever necessary. Without your aid we could not have built satisfactorily. As it is, the people did all they could do, and now, we have a pleasant house of worship. It has been well filled thus far, which is far better than to have too large a house—only half filled. Besides, I do not think much of pioneer churches building for posterity. If we build to meet the present and leave no debts behind, posterity will be better able to suit itself. Be assured that the Board's donation of \$600 was very gratefully received, and is already doing a good work for the Master. Your work is a grand one—aiding the truly poor of Christ's flock. I am confident that without Churches it is almost in vain to undertake to sustain the gospel. The labor previously expended seemed to be lost until we got this centre around which to gather and upon which to concentrate our efforts.

#### RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN DECEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—Albany—Albany 1st 55 50. Troy—Cohoes 20.

BALTIMORE. - Baltimore - Fallston 1.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton—Bingliamton 1st 40 60; Waverly 5 80. Syracuse— Fulton 23 63; Jordan 1st 3; Manlius, Trinity 2 39: Skaneateles 10.

CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati—Bantam 1 65.

CLEVELAND. — Cleveland — Ashtabula 1st 1753; Rome 93 ets. Mahoning—Middle Sandy 250; Warren 1st 555. St Clairsville—Beulah 250

Columbus.—Athens—Amesville 8 30; Bristol 2; McConnellsville 2. Wooster—Apple Creek 8 50.

ERIE.—Butler—Centre 1 58; Muddy Creek 7 65. Erie—Corry 1st 5; Greenville 25 25.

GENEVA.—Geneva—Geneva 1st, add'l 10 09;

Manchester 1st 3. Steuben-Painted Post 4.

Harrisburgh.—Carlisle—Carlisle 2d 51 13;
Dauphin 7; McConcellsburgh 6 22; Middle Spring 33; Waynesboro 6 53. Northumberland—Williamsport 2d 9 01.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Ottawa—()swego 12 35; Waltham, sp 8. Rock River—Fulton, add'l 2; Perryton 1.

1LLINOIS, SOUTH.—Allon—Plum Creek 8 60; Virden 2 25. Mattoon—Beckwith Prairie 5; Charleston 9 30.

INDIANA, North.— Crawfordsville — Zionsville 5. Logansport — Plymouth 71 ets; Remington 3 60. Muncie—Wabash, add'l 2 31.

Indiana, South.—New Albany— Mitchell 4. Vincennes—Terre Haute 2d 6 70.

Iowa, North.—Dubuque—Dubuque Ger 4. Waterloo—Grundy County Ger 4.

Iowa, South.—Council Bluffs—Clarinda 8 03. Iowa—Kossuth 1st 2 77; Mt Pleasant Ger 5 60; St Peter's Evangelical Ger 6. Iowa City—Martinsburgh 6.

KANSAS.—Emporia—Hutchinson 13. KENTUCKY.—Ebenezer—Paris 1 55.

Long Island. -Nassau - Huntington 1st

19 60.
MICHIGAN.—Detroit—Detroit, Fort st, add'l 46 25. Monroe—Adrian 6 90; Petersburgh, sp

10. Saginaw—Bay City 1st 10 64.

MINNESOTA. —Mankato—St Peter 8 95. S.

Paul—Minneapolis, Westminster 36.
Missouri.—Platte —Osborn 2

NEBRASKA.—Kearney—Furnas 1 67; Melrose 1 67; Beaver City 1 66. Nebraska City—

Nebraska City 1st 20; Meridian 5; Tecumseh 5.

New Jersey.—Elizabeth—Clinton 1st 5 39; Elizabeth 2d 32 97; Roselle 1st 2 13; Roselle 1st Sab.sch 2 34. Monmouth—Barnegat 1; Cranbury 1st, sp 40; Dayton 2; Forked River 1. Morris and Orange—Berkshire Valley 1; East Orange 5 10; Madison 6 19. Newark—Newark—Newark Park 9 26. New Brunswick—Kirkpatrick Memorial, sp 1; Princeton 2d 13; Trenton, Prospect st 29 98. Newton—Bevidere 1st 15 15; Branchville 25. West Jersey—Clayton 10.

NEW YORK.—Hudson—Goodwill 7 21; Haverstraw Central 15; Middletown 2d 2 59; Malden 14; Ridgebury 50 cts; Scotchtown 3 03. New York—Mount Washington 37; New York, Covenant 183 21; New York, Sea and Land 1 41; New York, Madison Sq chapel 1; New York 4th Ave 4 50.

Pacific.—San Jose—Santa Clara 12; Watsonville 15.

PHILADELPHIA. — Chester — Charlestown, add'l 1; Fagg's Manor, sp 11; Frazer 25 cts; Media 2 78; Pheenixville 1st, sp 8 75; Waynesburgh, sp 14 15. Lackawanna—Franklin 70 cts. Lehigh—Allentown 1st 28. Philadelphia — Philadelphia 2d 65 63. Philadelphia Central — Philadelphia, Alexander 83 11: Philadelphia, Northern Liberties 1st 25; Philadelphia, Spring Garden 25 36; Philadelphia, Bethlehem, quar coll 12 22. Westminster—York 143 47.

PITTSBURGH. — Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh 2d 14 40; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 15 31.

TENNESSEE. — Holston — Jonesboro 1 76. Kingston—Mars Hill 1. Union—Washington 3 25.

Toledo.—Bellefontaine—Bellefontaine 197; Bucyrus 1 33. Marscilles 5; Rushsylvania 5; West Liberty 75 cts. Huron—Olena 8; Peru

WESTERN NEW YORK. — Genesee — Byron 2 78; North Bergen 5; Wyoming 1st 6 12.

Wisconsin.—Milwaukee — Delafield 1 31; Ottawa 1st 63 ets. Winnebago—Rural 4 30.

MISCELLANEOUS.—A friend, per S B Strong, N Y 5; "C, Ohio" 6 47; Religious Contribution Soc'y, Princeton Sem'y, N J 12 77; Chas E Brown, Kingwood, W Va 1; Interest on Permanent Fund 1597 28.

Total receipts in December, \$3,304 24

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"With this also accept the renewed assurance that this dear old church expects to sustain to the end, the liberal distribution of the hire of the Lord's laborers after their work is ended, over which the church has placed you. We ask for no appeals for the poor, or alms for the afflicted, only justice, as the Lord has taught to his ministers who have fallen or been wounded on the high places of the field. I feel ashamed when I see the miserable straits to which God's heroes are reduced in old age."

From the reply to the remittance we make the following extract:-

"With sincere gratitude I acknowledge the receipt of the check, and thank you most heartily for your kind letter. Your Christian sympathy and delicate tenderness in presenting the gift, relieve much the embarrassment I cannot but feel.

"Although our dear friends have for so many years been caring for me and bestowing so many and varied favors, I do not get so accustomed to it as to expect their repetition as a matter of course, and each year I feel a renewed surprise at their wonderful constancy in remembering their former pastor—and their benefactions are the more acceptable for being tokens of their memory of his worth.

"The Relief Society occupied a very large place in my husband's regard I have heard him often when in robust health talk of it at home, and present it in strong persuasive arguments from the pulpit, little suspecting that his family would share its benefits. His dear people supplied his every want during the years of his weakness and infirmity. They are indeed a generous people.

"Surely I should be most inexcusable of all others, if I failed to trust the Lord. Goodness and mercy have followed me," and in the midst of sore bereavement, and many and severe trials, He has shown me great favor and loving kindness.

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"Praying that our Heavenly Father may greatly bless you in your labors, I remain gratefully yours."

#### RECEIPTS FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF IN DECEMBER 1877.

Washington City-Washmington, Olivet 2. ington, Assembly 14 81 66 00

CENTRAL NEW YORK. — Binghamton — Binghamton 1st 16 23; Preble 6. Otsego—Col-chester 2 05; Guilford Centre 5 25. Syracuse —Liverpool 3 31; Manlius, Trinity 1 74. Utica —Clinton 47 52 Sauquoit 2 62 85 72

CINCINNATI. — Uncinnati — Cincinnati 2d 104 04; Cincinnati Seventh 30 50; Cincinnati Central 70 15; Glendale 57 97; Loveland 9 92; Somerset 3 91. Dayton—Middletown 1st 16 50. Portsmouth—Ripley 26 65

CLEVELAND. — Cleveland — Ashtabula 1st 10 42; Rome 68 cts; North Springfield 7. Ma-honing—Canfield 5; Middle Sandy 387; War-ren 405. St Clairsville—Nottingham 23; Powhatan 3 55. Steubenville-New Cumberland 8

Colorado.-Colorado-Valmont Sab-sch 5 00

COLUMBUS .- Columbus -- Blendon 565. Wooster-Berlin 5

ERIE.—Allegheny—Allegheny Central 13 51; Emsworth 9 44; Sharpsburgh 26 40. Butler— Centre 1 16; Harlansburg 5; Harrisville 5; Karns City 2. Clarion—Brookville 5; Green-ville 45. Erie—Corry 5 30; Pleasantville 23. K:ttanning—Apollo 1st 14. Shenango—Mt Pleasant 11; Sharon 1st 7; Sharpsville 5 28

GENEVA .- Chemung-Southport 7. Lyons-Ontario 2 47

HARRISBURGH.— Carlisle — Bloomfield 8; Carlisle 2d 67 78; Duncannon 3 82; Harrisburgh, Pine St 145; Lower Path Valley 12 85; Burnt Cabins 5; Middle Spring 35; Waynesboro 4 75; Wells Valley 5. Huntingdon—Birmingham 19 67; Hollidaysburgh 1st, including 4 59 from Sab-sch 22 20; Peru 5; Williamsburgh 25. Northumberland — Buffalo 8-17; Organish 1, Wil 8 17; Orangeville 7 27; Rohrsburgh 1; Williamsport 2d 8 19

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.-Peoria-Prospect 6 00

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—Chicago 8th Sab-sch 12 06; Homewood 3; Lake Forest 28 75; Wilmington 1st 5 09. Rock River—Al-28 75; Wilmington 1st 5 09. Rock bany 2 51; Fulton 2; Perryton 1 54 41

ILLINOIS, SOUTH .- Alton-Alton 1st 16 35 Virden 1 65

Indiana, North. — Fort Wayne — Fort Wayne 1st 111 66. Logansport—La Porte 9; Plymouth 50 cts. Muncie—Marion 4; Wabash 1 69

INDIANA, SOUTH .- Vincennes-Terre Haute

IOWA, NORTH .- Cedar Rapids-Mt Vernon 8 75. Waterloo-Grundy Centre 2

IOWA, SOUTH.— Council Bluffs— Clarinda 13 98; Guthrie 3 32. Des Moines—Russell 3. Iowa—Kossuth 1st 2 02. Iowa City—Red Oak Grove 5 27 32

Kansas.-Solomon-Salina ch 22 20. peka-Bethel and Pleasant Ridge 7 10 29 30

KENTUCKY .- Ebenezer-Covington 1st 87 30; Paris 1 55 88 85

Long Island.—Brooklyn-Brooklyn, Lafayette Avenue 200 02

Michigan.—Detroit—Detroit, Fort St 33 75; Detroit, Jefferson Ave 76. Kalamazoo—Sturgis 1st 6. Saginaw—Bay City 7 26 123 01

MINNESOTA.—St Paul—Minneapolis, Andrew 10; Minneapolis, Westminster 125; St Paul, House of Hope 54 07 189 07

MISSOURI.—Ozark—Ozark Prairie 2. Pal myra—New Providence 2. St Louis—St Louis Glasgow Ave 20 24 00 24 00

NEBRASKA.-Kearney-Beaver City 1 66; Furnos 1 66; Melrose 1 68. Nebraska City-

Douglass 7; Marietta 4 50; Simeon 1; Wahoo

5 50

New Jersey.—Elizabeth—Clinton 1st 3 93;
Lamington 48; Roselie 1st and Sab-sch 3 26;
From "X,"per Rev E B Edgar 10. Jersey City—Rutherford Park 401. Monmouth—Barnegat 1; Forked River 1. Morris and Orange—Berkshire Valley 2 25; East Orange 3 72; Madison 4 52; Mendham 1st 35 69; Orange Central 100. Newark—Montclair 110; Newark 2d 16 44; Newark Park 6 76. New Bruns-wick — Amwell United 1st 5; Princeton 2d 39 19; Trenton, Prospect St 27 77. Newton—Belvidere 1st 18 43. West Jersey—Clayton 20; Millville, from a member 10; Tuckahoe 2; Woodbury 25 55

New York.—Hudson—Amity 13; Good-

New York.—Hudson— Amity 13; Good-will 5 26; Middietown 2d 1 88; Ridgebury 1; Scotchtown 2 21. New York—New York, Church of the Sea and Land 1 02; New York University Place 950 13; New York 4th Ave 65. Westchester—Gilead 13

PHILADELPHIA.— Chester—Charlestown 1; East Whiteland 50 cts; Marple 3; Media 2 03; Penningtonville 2 50; Phoenixville 3; West Chester 1st 46 40. Lackawanna—Carbondale 11 34; Franklin 50 cts; Plymouth 14 17; Scranton 1st 250. Lehigh—Allentown 1st 21; Mahanoy City, John Phillips, Esq 100. Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4th 20; Philadelphia 10th, from a member 5; Philadelphia, Walnut St 168 09; Philadelphia, Walnut St 168 09; Philadelphia, West Spruce St, G S Benson, Esq 50. Philadelphia, Cohocksink 41 37. Philadelphia North—Norristown Central 41 10. Westminster—Christiana 1 25 tral 41 10. Westminster-Christiana 1 25

Pittsburgh.—Pittsburgh—Bloomfield 2 40; East Liberty 12; Fairview 3; Pittsburgh 2d 11 20; Pittsburgh 6th 48; Pittsburgh, Shady Side 15 31. Redstone—Brownsyille 13. Wask-Side 15 31. Redstone—Brownsville 13. ington — Claysville 22 50; Fairview 18 10; Wheeling 1st 91 83 237 34

Tennessee. — Holston — Jonesboro 1 28. Kingston-Mars Hill 1 2 28

TOLEDO.—Bellefontaine—Bellefontaine 1st 1 44; Bucyrus 4 97; Marseilles 2 65; West Liberty 55 cts. Huron—Olena 8 17 61

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Buffalo—Westfield 1st 5. Genesee—Bethany Centre 1; Byron 2 03; Warsaw 23; Wyoming 1st 5 83. Rochester— Clarkson 10

Wisconsin.—Milwaukee—Delafield 95 cts; Ottawa 46 cts. Winnebago—Neenah 20; Wey-25 91 auwega 4 50

From the Churches,

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs Anna M Wilson 5;
For Disabled Ministers 5; Vt. St Johnsbury,
Cash 25 cts; Ohio, Portsmouth, from Else 1;
Ill, Englewood, Rev E J Hill 5; Per the Presbyterian, Mrs Coe 2; N J, Trenton, from
Presbyterian 50; Int on Ridgway Mortgage
93 36; Philadelphia, from "S" 10; Per Mr
Schultz, Miss A Nice 1; Per the Presbyterian,
Cash 5; Philadelphia, "Double Eagle" No 2
20 60; Philad'd, from a friend, sp 5; D C,
Washington, from "J A D," sp 5; Philad'a,
Miss K M Linnard 15; "C," Ohio 4 72; From
"H" 10; Int from Estate of the late Rev B
Burnap 15 40; Dr D X Junkin 6; Miss Eddy 5;
Colerain, from "F W," sp 3; Philad'a, Mr E
S Koon 5; Int on Permanent Fund, E G
Woodward 733 08; Rel Contrib Soc'y Princeton Theol Sem'y 9 67; D C, Washington, Fred
Pilling, Esq, sp 10; Mrs C D Mills 10

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\$5,874 78

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#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

FINANCIAL.—Receipts for December, \$4,456.54, against \$4,836.52 in the same month of last year; and we still *earnestly* ask, that no church will fail to make its contribution due to "Freedmen," for the current ecclesiastical year—closing March 31st, 1878.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND FREEDMEN.

Quite a number of Sabbath-schools and Sabbath-school Missionary Associations are manifesting their interest in the work of our church among the Freedmen by making contributions to our Treasury—some in support of a Missionary Teacher, who in turn becomes their correspondent. This we take as a favorable omen, and would be glad to see this kind of interest greatly increased. Those who thus contribute, if they so desire, can have their funds applied upon the salary of some particular missionary from whom they can receive letters, and so have their own correspondent "on the field." This correspondence, properly conducted, has the double advantage of interesting the contributors and encouraging the Missionary. One of our lady teachers engaged in such correspondence says: "I received a very kind letter from Dr. J., in which he expressed, in behalf of the Missionary Association" [of which he is Corresponding Secretary] "so much sympathy for us, that it has proved a sort of an inspiration ever since. We gladly welcome all words of cheer, and find them a wonderful help in our resolution." Are there not many more Sabbath-schools which would be glad to be thus interested and useful? The poor Freedmen need your help, and we earnestly ask that you will try the experiment by making contributions and obtaining a correspondent.

#### CHEERING.

One earnestly engaged in both preaching and teaching, writes us as follows:

"The past month has been one of usual prosperity over my whole field. Our school work has been of peculiar interest. We have had a large number preparing for teachers, of more than usual interest. The seriousness manifested has been superior to anything I have seen among the colored people. I think I may safely calculate on over a dozen hopeful conversions. Besides a general prayer-meeting, they have held female prayer-meetings, and thus are becoming eminently fitted for the much needed labor among the colored people. How much of hope for the future hangs upon the efforts of these teachers, eternity alone can tell. How many young minds may, through their efforts, be moulded for a higher life-work must also be left for the future to reveal. It is a thought I fondly dwell upon."

#### RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN DECEMBER 1877.

ALBANY.—Albany—Albany 1st 28; Princetown 5 50. Columbia—Catskill 51 73.

BALTIMORE. - Baltimore - Emmittsburg 40.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—Binghamton—Cannonsville 7 25. Otsego—Franklin 18 13. Syracuse—Syracuse, Park 60; Amboy 8; Skaneateles 10; Jordan 5. Utica—New Hartford 6 81; Westminster 30.

CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati—Avondale 23 66; Montgomery 9; Cumminsville 5. DaytonMemorial 15; Monroe 5; Oxford 11 50. Portsmouth—Manchester 6 25; Portsmouth 1st 52.

CLEVELAND.—Cleveland—Rome 2 16; Willoughby 1 50. Mahoning—Canfield 4; Youngstown 2d 4. St Clairsville—York 3; Birmingham 3 50; Kimbolton 1 50. Steubenville—Corinth 10; Carrollton 10.

Columbus.—Athens—Bristol 2; Nelsonville 8 30; McConnellsville 3. Marion—Iberia 5; Liberty 4. Wooster—Westminster 10; Savanah 18 56; Bellville 2; Loudonville 3. Zanes-

ville-Jersey 4 26; Newark 1st 5; Dresden 23 27.

ERIE.—Allegheny—Millvale 7 50; Fairmount 4 18; Providence 13; Cross Roads 8 50; Leetsdale 24 42; Emsworth 11 17; Rochester 16 51; Concord 1 56; Hilands 8 85. Butler—Scrub Grass 20; Karns City 2. Clarion—St Petersburg 11; Beechwood 13; Licking 4 58; Oak Grove 3; Leatherwood 5 50; New Bethlehem 4; Clarion 9 68; West Millville 2 40; Pisgah 5; Sligo 9, Eric—Gravel Run 6; Franklin 15; Oil Civi 187 7 30; Gigraf 13, 84 Worden 14; Oil City 1st 77 30; Girard 13 64; Mercer 1st 25 37. Kittanning-Kittanning 54 17. Shen-ango-Mahoningtown 17 68; Mt Pleasant 10; Westfield Sabsch 10; Sharon 1st 5 50; Little Beaver 5 50; Neshannock 24 50; West Middlesex 4 10.

GENEVA.—Cayuga—Genoa 1st 9 65; Weedsport 1st 15 24. Chemung—Havana 3; Watkins 12. Geneva—Geneva 1st 11 39; Seneca Castle 7; Romulus 6 10; Geneva 1st 7 01.

HARRISBURGH.—Carlisle—Gettysburg 12 25; Shippensburg 18: Dickinson 4: Harrisburg, Pine St 121 05. Huntingdon—Beulah 3: Al-toona 42 75; Petersburg 2 58; Phillipsburg 18 cts; Morrisdale Mine 30 cts. Northumber-land—Mahoning 10 84. Wellsboro—Mans-field 4: Condersport 4; Allegany I.

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—Bloomington—Buck-ley 3; Danville 31 31. Peoria—Elmwood 2; Lewistown 32 94. Schuyler—Bardolph 15. Springfield—North Sangamon 10.

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—Chicago—Chicago, 41st St 10 38; Lake Forest 29 70. Freepore—Winnebago 1st 10 40. Ottawa—Paw Paw Grove 2 25 Rock R v-r—Woodhull 10; Fulton 2.

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.-Alton-Alton 15 67; Plum Creek 5 65; -Virden 1 14 Mattoon-Tower Hall 4; Prairie Bird 4.

INDIANA, NORTH.—Crawfordsville—Waveland 2; Frankfort 1st 10. Logansport—Remington 3 18; Plymouth 35 cts. Muncie—Wa-

INDIANA, SOUTH.—New Albany—Hanover 9; Monroe 60 cts; Mt Vernon 3. White Water—Cambridge City 3.

IOWA, NORTH.—Cedar Rapids—Bellevue 2; Hanover 4. Dubuque—Hopkinton 6 50, Fort Dogde—Fort Dodge 1st 7 88. Waterloo—La Porte City 6 75

Iowa, South.—Council Bluffs—Corning 1st 6 32; Clarinda 6 17. Des Moines—Promise City 1 42; Chariton 5 78; Leighton 1; Indianola 3. Iowa—Rirmingham 6 10; Winfield 4. Iowa City-Martinsburg 5 30.

KANSAS - Neosho-Ottawa 3. Sol Hays City 3. Topeka-Olathe 1st 2 61 Solomon -

KENTUCKY .- Ebenezer-Paris 4 55. sylvania-Paint Lick 2.

LONG ISLAND .- Brooklyn-Edgewater 1st 28 80.

MICHIGAN,-Detroit-Pontiac 5 35; White Lake 7. Kalamazoo—Constantine 6 65. Lan-sing—Tekonsha 2 74; Eckford 3 84. Monroe—Adrian 5 90: Monroe, by J Armitage 50, by individual 3=53; Tecumseh 1s 17 09.

Minnesota.—Dakota—Rev TJ Williamson 10. Mankato—St Peter 3; Jackson 2; Le Sueur 3 82; Windom 4 40. St Paul—Stiil-water 2d 7 25; Minneapolis 1st 10 36.

Missouri .- Platte-St Joseph North 3d 1. St Louis-Bethel, Ger 5.

NEW JERSEY. — Elizabeth — Clinton 2 71;
Roselle Sab-sch 1 18. Monmouth—Farmingdale 5; Red Bank 6. Morris and Orange—
Hanover 1st 35; Orange 2d 54 75; Morris
Plains 4; Madison 35 57; Orange Central 100;
Morristown, South st 183 34; East Orange
1st 2 58. Newark—Newark 1st 47; Newark
Park 2 65. New Brunswick—Trenton 5th 1;
Annwell 2d 5 25; Tithesville 3 33. Newton—
Belvidere 1st 16 53.

New York.—Boston—Litchfield 2 22. Hud-s\_n-Port Jervis 20; Ridgebury 2 42; Otisville

4; Scotchtown 1 52; Good Will 3 66. New Y rk-13th St Sabsch Asso'n, special for teacher 250; Sea and Land 71 cts. North River-Cornwall, on Hudson 16; Pleasant Plains 1st 8. Westchester-Yonkers 1st 47 12: Rye 52 31.

PACIFIC.-Los Angeles-Westminster 41 cts

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PHILADELPHIA.—Chester — Media 1 40.
Lackawanna—Orwell 3: Canten 11; Hawley
5 36; Harmony Sab-sch 23 94; Towanda, for
Lincoln University 67 50; Frankin 35 cts.
Philadelphia Central—Cohocksink Sab-sch
28 40; Mantua 2d 10 Westminster—Centre
6; Stewartstown 7; Slate Ridge 8
PITTSBERGH.—Blairsville—New Salem
14 50; Plnm Creek 8 50; Blairsville 38 68;
Ebensburg 3 45. Pittsburgh—Shady Side
15 81; Mt Plsgah 6; Sharon 6 79; Birmingham 12 10; Bethel 37 50; Belleneld 42 84;
Canonsburg 19 70; Pittsburgh 3d 178 40;
Pittsburgh 6th 80; West Elizabeth 3 50;
Pittsburgh 1st 237 20; Woman's Missy Soc'y,
Canonsburg ch 10; Fairview 3. Redsione—
Jefferson 3; Pleasant Unity 7 24; Laurel Hill
6 75; Mt Pleasant, Reunion 12 07 Washington—Wellsburg 4 33; Mt Prospect 10; Upper
Ten Mile 5; Moundsville 3 02.
TENNESSEE—Holston—Jonesboro 89 cents.

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TOLEDO. - Bellefontaine - Bucyrus 67 cents: West Liberty 38 ets. Huron-Olena 15. Lima
-Sidney 8; Delphos 8. Maumee-West Bethesda 8; Weston 5; Grand Rapids 2 50; Defiance 10.

WESTERN NEW YORK .- Buffalo-Westfield 1st, Mrs L M Sherman 55; Silver Creek 24; Alden 1st 4. Genesee—Corfu 10; Byron 1 40. Genesee Valley—Franklinville ch 2 62, Sabsch 3 38=6. Niagara—Medina 20; Knowles

WISCONSIN. — Laks Superior — Oconto 11. ilwaukee — Beloit 1st 35 69; Milwaukee, Milwaukee -Holland 4 60; Milwaukee, Immanuel 52: Ottawa 32 cts; Manitowoc 1st 6. Winnebago —Juneau 8 50. Wisconsin River—Lodi 3 80.

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MISSCELLANEOUS.—Mr J E Brown, Kittanning, Pa 50: Mr Levi Knowlton, Utica, O 20; G D Dayton, Esq, Geneva, N Y 5; Mrs H H Johnson, Kankakee, Ill 5; "J O E" 5; Mrs James Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa, sp, on scholarship Scotia Sem'y 15; Mrs N Choate, East Derry, N H 35; Mrs M G Pigeon, East Derry, N H 30; Mrs R Sheperd, East Derry, N H 5; Ch, Lena, Ill 3 63; Mr John W Scott, Phila, Pa 20, Mr T H Pittis, Canonsburg, Pa 50; Ch, Clearfield, Pa 26 90; Ch, Golconda, Ill 2; Rev E Garland, Granville, O 10; Ch, Castile, N Y 16 20; Mr Jas Russell, North Jackson, O 10; Miss A Ewing, Newtown, Pa 25; "C W," St Lonis, Mo 40; Ch, Jackson, O 13 78; Mrs F M Coan, Homer, Mich 5; Ch, West Union, Iowa 4 46; Mary E McConnell, Bucyrus, O 5; Mrs Mary Newell, Bucyrus, O 3; Ch, Red Lion, O 2; "A Friend," Napoleon, O 1; "Sabbath-school" 1; Ch, Montgomery, N Y 10; Ch, Mt Pleasant, 12 78; "G," Ohio 3 28; Mary Tannatt, Peekskill, N Y 2, Ch, Ontario, N Y 2 72; "P," L'dt, Wis 5; Mr James Gray, Cincinnati, O 25; Ch, Apple River, Ill 5; "A Friend" 2; Ch, Wintersville, N Y 12 51; Ch, Lebanon, O 12 56. MISCELLANEOUS .- Mr J E Brown, Kittan-

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PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED

Rev. Wm. H. Roberts and the church at

Crawford, N. J. Rev Nathan B. Knapp and the church at

Five Corners, N. Y.

Rev. H. G. Mendenball and the Third Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rev. P A Lewis and the Presbyterian

church at Port Byron, N. Y.

Rev. Wn., H Gill and the Central Presby-

terian church, Allegheny City.

Rev. Thomas Thompson has resigned the pastoral charge of the church at Phillipsburg. Pa., to give all his time to the Mt. Olivet

Rev. V. Down and the Alder Creek and Forestport church, Utica Presbytery, N. Y.

#### ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. S. L. Blake has been installed pastor of the Woodland Ave Presbyterian exurch, Cleveland, Ohio

Rev James H. Stewart was installed pastor of the church at Greencastle, Pa, on the 13th

of December.

Mr. Charles O. Day was ordained by the Presbytery of Columbia on the 19th of De-

Rev. H. S. Williams was installed pastor of the church at Louisiana, Mo., on the 16th of

Rev. Robert M. Brown has been installed pastor of the church at Emsworth, Presbytery of Allegheny.

#### CALLS.

Rev John N. MacGonigle to the Presbyteroan church at Parker City, Pa.

Rev. W. N. Gill to the church of Westfield,

Rev. G A. Pollock to the church at Hillshoro Ill.

Nev. Joseph Jennison to the La Fayette

Rivers, Michigan.

Rev Nathan B. Knapp to the church at Hannibat, N. Y.
Rev. J. C. Boyd to the church at Kingsboro, N. Y.
Rev. Frank T. Bayley to the Westminster

church at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. W. K. Archibald to the church at Pee-

wee Valley, Ky.
Rev. Robert Graham to the church at Lower

Brandywine, Del. Rev. H. A. Davenport to the First church at Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. George S. Bell to the church at Wrightsville, Pa

Rev. C. H. Taylor to the Presbyterian church at Green Point, Long Island.

Rev Charles Fueller to the church at War-

rensburg, Mo.
Rev. V. A. Lewis to the church at Phelps, Y.

Rev. Charles Symington to the church of Roslyn, Long Island.

Rev. Lewis L. Adams to the First church,

Galena, Ill.

Rev. J. K. Fowler to the First church, Rockford, Ill. Rev. W. D. Thomas to the First church, Winona, Minn.

#### POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

Rev. S. P. Whiting from San Francisco to Oakland, Cal.

Rev. Levi P. Crawford from Lincoln to

Farmer City, Ill.

Rev. John N. MacGonigle from Ebens-burgh, Pa., to Parker City, Pa. Rev. R. J. Jones from Carlisle, N. Y., to

Johnsonville, N. Y.
Rev. C. C. Riggs, D. D., from Beaver, Pa., to

Beaver Falls, Beaver county, Pa. Rev. Robert Graham from Christiana,

Del., to Greenville. Del Rev. J. Hawks from Rockville Ind., to Cut-

Rev. J. Hawks from Rock vine Flag, ler, Carrol county, Ind. Rev. George P. Nob e from Malden, N. Y., to 936 B street, S. W. Washington, D. C. Rev. W. S. Frackelton from Peterburgh, Iowa, to Glassborough, N. J.

Rev. D. S. Anderson from Spring Lake to

Bridgewater, Williams county, Ohio. Rev. H. W. Taylor from Newport, Ky., to Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Onio.

Rev. Nathan B. Knapp from Five Corners to Hannibal, Oswego county, N. Y.

Rev. V. Down from Gravesville, N. Y., to

Stony Creek post office, Va.
Rev. J. Stockton Axtell from Sulphur Springs, Ohio, to Clyde, Sandusky county, Ohio.

#### DEATHS.

Rev. Thomas H. Barr, D.D., at his home, Canaan Centre, Ohio, on the 29th of Novem-

ber. aged 70 years.

Rev. David Inglis, D.D., LL.D., at Brooklyn, on the 15th of December, in the 54th

year of his age.

Rev. William L. Parsons, D.D., Professor of Moral Philosophy in Ingham University, on December 23d, in the 68th year of his age.

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